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Washington D.C.
April 11th

Miss Clara A. Zeed
Jackson Ugwoka

Madam

Yours without date inclosing Check is received.

As to not having taught in August makes no difference with the bill.

Each pupil being paid by the year, you were entitled to so much during vacations the same as if you had taught. This year it will be different as you are paid for the month.

I find upon examining the books that you have paid Dec 5, 1885 $123.87
April 16, 1886 216.80
June 30, 1886 156.00
Aug 16, 1886 85.11
$573.78
600.00
$26.22

This leaves $26.22 still due you on 1885 & 6. How it happened I can not say. It is the result of the attempt to pay in the year, which I can explain to you, if you come up when we meet.

I will try & collect on the 11 days of August 1886, which if I succeed will give you 16 for 17$. The remaining $10 I trust you will be willing to forgo in view of the fact that the Bureau increased your salary this year & too without solicitation or expectation on your part.

If the above is not satisfactory, please let me know & I will pay you myself as I can not get it for you from the Government.

Until further notice address me at Sitka Alaska. Also send reports to me there. For official communications to me, respectively you can use the penalty Envelope.

Yours Sheldon Jackson
Supt. Ed.

Washington D.C.
April 12

Miss L. L. McAvoy
Madam

Yours of March 21st is received. I have no objection to your teaching next year Geography from the Maps. Or if you prefer we will furnish you with Advanced Geographies. Will also send Pathfinder No 2. Include them & everything else you need in your requisition for supplies for next year.

I secured an appropriation of $2500 which will continue the schools.

I expect to sail on the Olympian from Puget Sound June 12. If you wish me to do any purchasing for you at Portland, write me care of Hodgkins & Elliott. Send report to Sitka where I will spend the summer.

I am very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
Supt Schools Alaska

Miss Ella Wheeler
Care Hodgkins & Elliott
Portland Oregon

Washington D.C.
April 12th.

Dr A. W. Miller
Nelson, Alaska

Dear Doctor.

You have my fullest ~~sympathy~~ sympathy in the loss you have met with. I know how difficult it is to pass through the same experience two different times, I know how to enter into your feelings.

I have written your wife, do you consented, that I will be pleased to visit her about June 5th at Chicago. We will take the Olympian that is advertised to leave Puget Sound about June 12th.

[Mr Murphy has been settled with from this office.]

On the 10th of August I wrote Mr.

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Unless you have a better arrangement, please start Miss Marion Murphy as teacher of the Sch. school at Cook on the first Monday in Sept. and let her teach until Dr. H. A. White reaches Juneau & is ready to take the school off her hands."

I repeated the last order to be sure it was followed. There was a misunderstanding but no particular harm was done.

I am sorry to say there seems to be no fund that can be used for Medicine. There ought to be.

My impression is that the outhouse belongs to the Government. Ask Mr Karl Koehler. He had the repairs made. If it was built after we landed the building it belongs to Govt. If it does not belong ask Mr the Dollard permission to move it. If you wish to write me at Portland Or. care R. C. of Menard Meadows & Co.

Washington D.C.
April 13th

W. E. Roscoe Esq
Kadiak. Alaska

Dear Friend

After we left you last ~~Oct~~ Sept
We called at ~~Kadiak~~ Spruce Island. Afognak
Karluk. Akiok. Ayakhalik, & Kaguiak
We finaly left Kadiak Island Oct 5th &
reached Unalaska, after a very stormy passage,
Oct 13th From thence we went to Belkofsky
& Unga. Left Mr & Mrs Carr at Unga
Oct 20th Nov 3. we left Mr & Mrs Carr
at Tugidak Reached Sitka Nov 7th
and Puget Sound Dec 15th having
been 104 days on the Leo.

At Unga the Captain quarreled
with me, & we were scarcely on speaking
terms the rest of the trip.

When we reached Seattle I had

him discharged from the Ship.
so that by his ungentlemanly treatment
of the teachers & myself he lost his position
The whole trip after leaving you was very
stormy. We lost two sails & nearly lost
one of the seamen.

From Seattle I hurried back teaching
my family two days before Christmas.

This gave me a good visit with my
father who passed away Jan 7. at the
good ripe age of 80. years.

When we reached Washington I found
that the Sec of Interior had not asked Con-
gress for $15000. for the Alaska Schools.

Miss Fletcher & I went to work & had
him send in a supplementary request
for $10.000 more. I then worked the ap-
propriation of $25000 through Congress.

We have a new Commissioner of Edu-
cation, Mr Dawson of Alabama & I am not
sure what he will be willing to do for
Alaska, but I fear there will be trouble

sent out this year to your help.
At Mary Island - The U.S.S. Thetis has been ordered to Sitka with instructions to take the Civil Officials out to Bering Sea.
It has not yet left Norfolk Navy Yard & probably will not reach Sitka before September, & then it may be judged too late for the trip this season.
If the trip is made I hope to be on board, and will bring with me some supplies. I have written to the A.C. Co. San Francisco to learn when they will send another vessel.
I shall look forward with great interest to your reports. Please write me very fully of your difficulties & encouragements. I have mailed you papers, Public Documents &c. Please send lists a year ahead of what school supplies you will probably need. Praying that God will keep you all in good health & greatly prosper your work, I remain Yours &c.

Sheldon Jackson

Revised & copied & sent to Mrs Rice & the board

Washington D.C.
April 13th /

Rev & Mrs Wirth

Afognak Island Alaska

Dear Friends

After leaving you last Sept We called in at Karluk. Akhiok, Ayakalik & Kaguiak, On Oct 8th we sailed from Kaguiak direct to Unalaska - reaching there on the 14th We then visited Belkofsky, and left Mr & Mrs Carr at Unga Oct 20th. And Mr & Mrs Currie at Luxikan Nov 3rd. Reaching Seattle on our return Dec 15th having been 104 days on the Leo. The passage was very stormy We lost two sails & nearly ~~lost~~ lost one of the seamen overboard

When we reached Seattle I had the owners of the vessel discharge the Captain for his Ungentlemanly Conduct towards

the teachers & myself. The last half of the trip the Captain never spoke to me except when he had to.

I have often thought of you both this past winter & wondered how you were getting on. I shall look forward to your reports & letters with great interest.

By hard work we secured from Congress an appropriation of $25,000. This will keep the present schools going but now allow us to branch out any.

I have written to Rev Mr Pierce to see how much the Seattle friends will do towards your support this coming year.

I have also written to San Francisco to learn when I can send you an school supplies. Write me very fully of your plans, discouragements, difficulties and encouragements. And ever remember there is no difficulty that was not foreseen by God & provided for. There is some little possibility that a man

of War may bring the Civil Officials & myself over to see you late this fall. It is very uncertain however. I have sent you some papers, public documents & various packages which I hope will reach you safely. If there can establishment in Seattle that has a good photograph of Mrs Wirth & family I want one very much.

Each year as you have an opportunity of sending out a mail, send me a list, of school supplies needed, a year ahead. that as far as possible I can keep you supplied.

That the Lord will greatly bless & prosper you is my constant prayer.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 14

Prof & Mrs John H. Carr

Unga. Alaska

Dear Friends

After leaving you last October we had a very stormy passage across to Sitka, lost our main foresail & did not reach there until Nov 7th. And Seattle Dec 15th Having been 104 days on the Sea. After leaving Unga the Captain scarcely spoke to me the rest of the voyage and when he reached Seattle I had him discharged from the vessel. So that he lost his position by his ungentlemanly treatment of the lady & myself.

I reached my family in Penna two days before Christmas. And had a good visit with my father before his death on Jan 7th.

By hard work I secured from Congress an appropriation of $25000 for the Alaska School. This will keep you going another year. Write me very fully of your plans, encouragements & discouragements & difficulties. Also each year as far as you can anticipate your wants, send a list of supplies needed for the school a year ahead, that I may be able to provide them in time.

Since my return I have met many Methodist Ladies who take a great interest in your work & are praying for you.

I have sent you some papers, put in documents, blank reports &c.&c. which I trust you will receive safely.

Enclosed find Check for $5 which you will please use in procuring me, those Skin bags and other Curios, which you can send by mail to me at Bureau of Education, Washington D.C.

Those you kindly sent last fall were safely received & have done good service

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Also if you can get hold of any of the stone implements that were formerly used by the Natives & are now occasionally found or dug up please purchase them for me. Then when you get a small box full, you can pack & send me as freight through the Alaska Commercial Co.

That the Lord will greatly bless & prosper you is my constant prayer.

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Your salary has been sent regularly & also according to your order has been sent your brother at Sitka.

Washington D.C.
April 14th

Mrs L. H. Daggett
24 Bunker Hill St. Boston

Madam

Yours of the 12th is received. I regret to say that I know nothing more than I had previously written. I begin to think that nothing will be done this season but get ready for the next.

I regret this state of things more than tongue can tell, but as I am under authority I am powerless to help it.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Bethel

Washington D.C.
April 13th /

Hon. J. H. K. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of
Education

Sir

The season of the year has arrived in which we are accustomed to furnish the schools in Western Alaska with their Annual Supplies

As the Steamer of the Alaska Commercial Co, which carries in the supplies, will sail about May 1st, I have the honor to recommend that the following supplies be ordered for that purpose.

For Bethel

4 Boxes Slate pencils
4 " Chalk Crayons
2 Doz Writing Books
3 Doz Ink 2 oz Cones

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2 Doz Health Primers
3 " Lead Pencils
1 Clock Room Clock
1 Large Hand Bell
1 Office tap bell
1 Gross B. H. Picks
6 Doz B. S. Lamp Chimneys
1/2 " Bracket Lamps
1 - 1 Gall tin oil can
4 Boxes of Pens -

Very Truly Yours
Wm Jackson
General Agent.

Nushagak.

Washington D.C.
April 13th /

Hon. J. R. Dawson
U.S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

Last year this Bureau made a Contract with the Moravian Mission Board to establish a public School at Nushagak Alaska. Encouraged by this Contract, they last fall erected a building and this Spring sent out Mr A. E. Wolff to take Charge of the School.

According to the Contract the Government furnishes the Necessary School supplies.

I have the honor therefore to recommend that the following supplies be ordered for that School.

4 Doz Slates
4 Boxes Slate pencils
1 Gross B. H. Nicks

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6 Doz B. S. Chimnies
1/2 " Bracket Lamps
1 Desk Lamp
1 Doz Chimnes for the same
1 — 1 Gale tin oil can
6 Boxes Chalk Crayons
1/2 doz Yards of Black Board paper
1 Gale Black board slating
1 Doz Blackboard Erasers
6 Doz Writing books
1 Numeral Frame
1 Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary
1 Doz Primary Geographies
1 Doz English Language Books
1 Appleton's Primary Reading Chart
1 Doz 1st Readers
1 Doz 2nd "
1 School Room Clock
6 doz ink 2 oz Cones
1 #36 Cooque Box Stove
10 joints Russia Iron Pipe - Cut & fitted (holes)
Rivets for the same

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1 Galvanized iron pail
1 pr Shovel & tongs
1 Zinc
2 Russia iron Elbows.
2 Buck saws
2 axes - 1 Hammer
1 Hatchet. 50 # nails
1 Teachers table (Knock down)
4 Benches (Knock down)
10 Double desks (Knock down)
1 Doz Health Primers

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Kadiak

Washington D.C.
April 14th

Hon N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

Mr W. E. Roscoe teacher of U.S. Public School at Kadiak Alaska writes for

1 Doz Bancrofts 4th Readers
1 " Milne or Robinson's Practical Arithmetic
1 " Bancrofts 1st Reader
2 Boxes Slate Pencils
3 " Chalk Crayons
4 " Pens -

I have the honor to recommend that the same be ordered -

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.
April 14th

Hon N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

Prof J. A. Wirth teacher of the Public School at Nogoak Alaska needs the following School supplies.

4 Doz Lead Pencils
4 Boxes Slate Pencils
4 " Chalk Crayons
2 Doz Bancrofts 1st & 2nd Readers
1 " Practical Arithmetics
2 " Writing Books

I have the honor to recommend that the same be furnished

Very truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Unga.

Washington D.C.
April 14

Hon N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

I have the honor to recommend that the following supplies be furnished Mr John H. Cook teacher at Unga Alaska

4 Doz Lead Pencils
4 Boxes Slate Pencils
4 " Chalk Crayons
4 Doz Sponges -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Wash D.C.
April 14th

Dear Bro Pierce

What will the Baptist Churches of Seattle do for Bro Wirtte this year? Will they send him off? Will you see to this, or shall I look to Dr Morehouse & the H. M. Soc to help you make up your sum?

I have neglected writing you too long. The steamer carrying the mail leaves San Francisco about May 1st.

I have secured funds enough $2300. Which will enable me to do the same amount of work that was done last year.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Rev J. A. Mills. Afognak Island Alaska
Care A. C. Co. 310 Sansome St
San Francisco. Cal

Washington D.C.
April 14

Rev Wm C. Minland & wife
Rev J. H. Killbuck & wife

Dear Friends

I had hoped to have written you a good long letter, but I have been so busy with work that the days have slipped by before I was aware. And now I must write hurriedly in order to reach the Steamer.

I have sent you some papers, Public Documents, Blanks &c which I trust will safely reach you. I was at Unalaska last October. If it had been earlier in the season I would have given you a call.

I await with much interest your Monthly & Annual School report.

Please send us each mail a list

of School supplies needed for the following year & we will try & supply you.

In addition to the ordinary monthly School reports, please send me an annual letter giving with some fullness your plans, difficulties, encouragements &c. &c.

Two Sabbaths ago I was at Bethlehem & made the principal address at the farewell meeting to Mr & Sister Wolff.

By hard work I secured from Congress $25000 for the continuance of the Alaska School work.

From time to time as you have opportunity I wish you would please purchase for me ivory & bone carvings & curios also some stone implements Box them securely & send to me at Bureau of Education Washington D.C. with bill for the same by mail.

Or if the A.C. Co traders will pay for them, then I can send the money

Last year Prof W. E. Roscoe. Wife & babe were landed at St Paul Harbor Kadiak Island. Rev J. A. Wirth & wife at Afognak Island. Prof John H. Carr & wife at Unga. Rev L. H. Currie, wife & boy at Klawack. Prince of Wales Island.

This was a valuable addition to the teaching force in Alaska.

Probably Nushagak will be the only new school started this year.

Rev John W. Chapman has been commissioned by the Episcopalian Mission Board to go to St Michael & Cross over & establish himself at ~~St~~ Anvik or some point in the Yukon valley.

Rev C. Parker & family sent up last summer may go over to the Yukon valley with Mr Chapman or perhaps return to the States. as I understand

that he wanted the Revenue Cutter
to bring them down last season.
The Greek Church is starting schools
for its own people all along the Southern
Coast. Such things do not give much in-
struction. They are blind leaders of the
blind. The Presbyterian Missionaries
in S. E. Alaska have baptized about
50 adults during the last year and
feel much encouraged in their work.
That God will strengthen, keep and
prosper you is our constant prayer
With love to you all & kisses for the
babies I remain your bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 15 1887

Hon N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

Permit me to call your attention to the inadequacy of the salary attached to the office of the General Agent of Education in Alaska

The history of the matter is as follows.

In 1884 Congress directed the Secretary of the Interior to make needful provision for the education of the Children in Alaska.

The Secretary, not knowing just what to do and being engrossed with the many more weighty matters of his Department, let the matter drift until the Spring of 1885, when he officially turned the matter over to the Commissioner of Education.

The Commissioner recognizing the sentiment, that had cropped out in the

debates in Congress, that there were no Children in Alaska to be educated, and if there were Children, that they could not be induced to attend School, felt the necessity of showing, by an actual demonstration, that there were Children & that they would attend School if given the opportunity

To accomplish this he determined to open as many Schools as possible.

Therefore instead of using a portion of the fund for School buildings, he contented himself with renting such buildings as he could, and using almost the entire appropriation for teachers salaries

For the same reason the Commissioner sought to save what he could in the salary of the General Agent.

At the time of the selection of a General Agent, he found that the person so selected was Superintendent of the only Missions Schools in Alaska, and judged that there was nothing in the

nature of his duties that would permit his supervising both the Government & Mission Schools. This would allow the salary to be divided between both parties. Consequently the Commissioner fixed the Government portion of the salary at $1200 per annum, with the understanding that the Board of Mission would also pay $1200, making $2400 in all. This arrangement was effected and continued 18 months until last October, when the Mission Board finding that the work of the Government was practically engrossing the whole time of the General Agent, withdrew their support.

The joint arrangement was a temporary one to assist in getting the schools started, and it is perhaps well that it has been terminated; for during its continuance there was always a possibility that some one would raise the cry of sectarianism to the injury of the schools.

Again the Schools have been established, have demonstrated their usefulness, and been recognized by Congress.

The work having settled down to some degree of permanency, there is no good reason why the Government should not assume the entire support of its General Agent.

I have the honor to request therefore that you secure the consent of the honorable the Secretary of the Interior to making the salary of the General Agent of Education in Alaska $2400 per annum and traveling expenses while on public business.

I herewith append a table of salaries of the other Alaska officials.

You will notice that $2400 is a smaller sum than is paid any other of the officials, who gives his whole time to his office.

The four Commissioners who receive a small sum support themselves by other occupations. One of them is a Merchant

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and two lawyers in active practice.
The fourth commissionership is vacant.

We will also please notice that $2400 is a smaller salary than that allowed the four Seal Agents, whose duties are mainly the counting of 100000 seal skins, and occupy their time only between May & September inclusive. The rest of the year they have a vacation.

Surely the supervision & promotion of Education deserves as good a salary as the other positions in that country.

Salaries in Alaska

Governor		$3000	
Judge		$3000 + Travelling	
District Attorney	Fees +	$2500	"
Marshall	"	$2500	"
Clerk	"	$2500	"
4 Commissioners	"	$1000	
General Agent of Education		$1200	
1 Agent Seal Islands		$3650 + 600 =	4250
1 of $2 " " "		$2920 + 600 =	3520
2 " " " "	(each)	$2190 + 600 =	2790

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I enclose you Public Acts No 145 and 178. In No 178 you will find the salaries allowed the Civil Officers on page 23. And in No 145 on page 17 the salaries allowed the Land Agents. All of which is respectfully submitted

Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 15th 9

Hon Th. E. Benedict
U.S. Public Printer

Sir

Please have electrotype plates made of the enclosed list of illustrations and sent to me at the Bureau of Education with bill for the same

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Special Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 10th /

To the Public Printer
Gov't Printing Office

Sir

Please have electrotype copies of the following illustrations made for the Senate Executive Doc No 85. 49th Cong 1st Session.

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Washington D.C.
April 16

Rev G. H. Arms

Wilmington Vt

Dear Brother

Yours of the 13th is received and I greatly regret to be compelled to answer that there is no change in the situation. It seems to me, that under the circumstances, there is nothing left for you to do, but take an appointment for another year and I trust by that time the door may open. It will also give the Ladies more time to raise the money for buildings and perfect their plans.

Kind regards to Mrs Arms.

Your Brother in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Washington D.C.

April 11th

Gen. C. Mortimer

Chief Clerk Bureau of Education

I have the honor to make the following report of the work of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education for the week ending April 16th 1887

Letters received	97
" sent (Circulars 18)	101
Public documents sent	38
Vouchers made out	3
Number of Schools furnished with supplies	3

Very truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

Special Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 18th

Miss Annie Louise Hodge
Charlotte Mich.

Madam

Your letter of April 15th is received. I regret to say that the Congressional appropriation for schools in Alaska is so small, that we will be unable to establish any new schools this season. The schools already in existence are mostly supplied. Occassionally one or two other teaching Missionary societies are in need of a teacher. If you are a member of any church & would like to take a Mission School, perhaps I can put you in correspondence with some such society.

Very Truly
Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agent

Bureau of Education. Washington D.C.
——— April 19th.

Messrs Samuel Carson & Co
120 Sutter St. San Francisco

Gns.

Please fill out and ship to the respective parties the following orders. Then make out as usual bills in triplicate. As I have to audit & sign them, please mail them in the enclosed penalty envelopes to "Sheldon Jackson. Care of Rev George Norcross D.D. Carlisle Pa". Please make out seperate bills for each school. I mail you blank vouchers.

To

Rev H. E. Wolff. Nushagak Alaska
(Mr Wolff is in the City & will probably call upon you. His address is Care of Alaska Commercial Co. 310 Sansome St. S. F.)
½ Doz Bracket Lamps. 1 Gross B. H. Mikes

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6 Doz Lamp Chimneys
1 Desk Lamp & Wicks
1 Doz Chimneys for Same
1 - 1 Gall tin oil Can
1 - 36 # Mogul box Stove
10. Joints Russia iron pipe. (Knock down, cut & punched) Rivets for Same
2 Russia iron Elbows
1 Zinc
1 pr Shovel & tongs
1 Hammer
1 Hatchet
1 Teachers table (Knock down)
10 Double desks & Seats
4 Benches
1 Tin dipper
1 Large Hand bell.

1 Gall Blackboard slating
1 Brush for Same
1 Numeral Frame
1 Doz Bancroft's 1st Readers
1 " " 2d "
1 " " 3rd "
1 School Room Clock
6 Doz ink 2 oz Cones
1 Galvanized iron pail
2 Buck Saws
2 axes
1 Keg of (Assorted sizes) Nails
" (Made like those ordered last year for St Michael)
" (Made like those ordered last year for St Michael)
3 iron or tin wash basins.
1 Tap bell for School Room

To

Rev William H. Weinland
Bethel. Kuskokwim Dist Alaska

3 Doz ink 2 oz Cones
1 Large Hand bell

1 School tap bell
1/2 doz Bracket Lamps

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6 Doz B.S. Lamp Chimnies. 1-1 Gall Tin oil can
1 Gross B. F. Wicks

To
Proff W. E. Roscoe
Kadiak. Alaska
1 Doz Bancrofts 1st Readers
1 " " 4th "
~~1 " Milnes Robinson's Practical Arithmetic~~

Please see the Alaska Commercial Co 310 Sansome St & ascertain when they will send a vessel to Alaska I think one goes about 1st of May.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 19 /

Mr H. E. Wolff.
Nushagak. Alaska

Dear Sir

I Mail you today the following School Supplies

4 Doz Slates
6 " Writing Books
1 Worcester Dictionary
1 Doz Primary Geographies
1 " English Language Reader
1 Appletons Primary Read Chart
3 Boxes Pens
3 Doz Pen Holders
2 " Lead Pencils
4 Boxes Slate Pencils

4 Boxes Slate Pencils
6 " Chalk Crayons
4 Yards Black Board Cloth
~~1 Doz 1st Readers~~
~~1 " 2nd "~~
1 " Health Primer
2 " Sponges
3 " Writing Paper
" Letters.

I have this day mailed an order to Messrs Samuel Carson & Co. 120 Sutter St. San Francisco to furnish you the

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following Supplies.

1 Gross B.F. Wicks
6 Doz B.S. Chimneys
½ " 1 Bracket Lamps
1 Desk Lamp & wicks
1 Doz Chimneys for same
1 - 1 Gale tin oil can
1. Galvanized iron pail
1. pr shovel & tongs
1 Zinc
2 Buck Saws
2 axes
1 Teachers table (Knockdown)
4 Benches "
10 Double desks & seats "

1 Gale Blackboard slating
1 Numeral Frame
1 Doz Bancroft's 1st Readers
1 " " 2nd "
1 School room Clock
6 Doz Suk 2 oz Combs
1. 36 # Mogul Box Stove
10 joints Russia iron Pipe
Rivets for same. (Knock down & punched)
2 Russia iron Elbows
1 Hammer
1 Hatchet
1 Keg of Nails
1 Tin dipper
3 iron or tin wash basins

If Trader at Nushagak keeps Kerosene oil, purchase of him; if not you will need take some along. You had better see Mr Sutton & arrange with him for the shipping of the supplies by the A.C. Co Steamer if they can take them if not then by Mr Rolfe's Schooner —

Also see Mr Sutton concerning supplies for Bethel. Concerning which I also send him an order.

I mail you some blank Monthly Reports. Please make out the report each month & then lay them aside until you have an opportunity of mailing them.

You can send all business letters, reports &c to me at the Office without additional postage.

Kind regards to Mrs Wolff, the dear Children & Miss Huber.

Write me an annual report in addition to the Monthly Statistical reports.

Please write me very fully of your plans Encouragements & discouragements &c &c.

The Lord watch over, bless & prosper you in all your plans -

Your Bro in Christ -
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 20 7

Prof W. E. Roscoe
Kadiak Alaska

Dear Sir

Not knowing what you might need, I have sent you the following supplies

Requested by you.

1 Doz Bancrofts 1st Reader
1 " " 4th "
1 " Robinsons Practical Arithmetic
4 Boxes Slate Pencils
4 " Chalk Crayons
4 " Pens - (Paper
Sponges, lead pencils, Penholders
1 Doz Health Primer No 2.

I notice by looking over your report or inventory of supplies, that by mistake two sets were landed last fall - However I understand that you sent me out to Prof Wirth at Afognak. Sheldon Jackson
Supt Schools.

Washington D.C.
April 20 /

Per Jas A Wirtz

Afognak Alaska

Dear Sir

Not knowing just what you need I mail you this day the following School Supplies

4 Boxes Lead Pencils
4 " Slate "
4 " Chalk Crayons
2 Doz Bancrofts 1st Readers
1 " " " 2nd "
1 " Practical Arithmetic
2 " Writing Books
Pens & Pen holders. Sponges

I find that by some mistake the School books intended for you were landed at Kadiak. That Mr Rosson had two sets. I presume he has long since

Lent you one — Please write me fully your plans, hope, & difficulties.

Praying that you may be kept in good health & have abundant success I remain yours

Truly
Sheridan Breckenridge
General Agent

Kind regards to Mrs Wirtz

Washington D.C.
April 20th /

Rev Wm H. Mainland

I mail you to-day the following School Supplies

4 Boxes Slate Pencils
4 " Chalk Crayons
2 Doz Copy Books
3 " Ink 2 oz Cones (Ordered from San Francisco)
1½ " Hearth Primers No 1
½ " " " No 2
3 " Lead Pencils
4 " Pens
1 School Room Clock
1 Large Hand Bell
1 School Room Tap Bell
½ Doz Bracket Lamps
1 Gross Picks
6 Doz Chimneys
1 Gale Tin oil Can
Sponges & paper
3 yds Cloth Black Board

(Ordered from San Francisco)

Truly Yours
Alexander Buckson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 20 7

Mr John H. Chapman

I mail you to-day
Care of Alaska Commercial Co. San Francisco 3 Boxes Slate Pencils
2 " Chalk Crayons
1 Doz Health Primers
3 yards of Cloth Black board.

I also mail you an invoice of School supplies sent out last season with Mr C. Parker.

I notice in the invoice 1 Doz Higginson's U.S. History. These books will not be needed up there for years & were sent by mistake - You will please wrap them up securely in plenty of paper and mail them to me - The enclosed slips pasted on the packages will bring them through the mail free of postage. I also mail you some

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blank Monthly School Reports.
You will please make out these Reports at the close of each Month & then lay them aside until you have an opportunity of mailing them to me.
They can be mailed without postage in the penalty envelopes sent you.
Even opportunity of sending out a mail, send me a list of school supplies that will be needed.
Also each summer or Leaving time send me in addition to the Monthly Reports a full Annual report - Give me your difficulties, discouragements also any signs of progress. your plans & hopes - that we may be able to better cooperate with you & assist you.
The Lord keep you in good health & prosper you -

Very truly yours
Abelah Jackson
Indian Agent

Washington D.C.
April 20

Rev John H. Carr
Mega Wlanda

Dear Sir

Not knowing what school supplies you may need, I mail you to-day the following

4 Doz Lead pencils
4 Boxes Slate Pencils
4 " Chalk Crayons
4 Doz Sponges
Pen, Penholders & Paper

Please mail to me at Washington all of Tuggineno History & the Indian Letters, except one copy which you can keep for the Teachers Library at Mega. Do tie up securely in paper & send by mail. The enclosed slips pasted on the package will bring it free without additional postage.

Truly Your
Friend
Kean Kennedy Farnsworth.

Washington D.C.
April 21st 7

Rev Octavius Parker
St Michael. Alaska

Rev & Dear Sir

Your letter of Sept 5th 1886 was duly received and the contents noted.

You are evidently laboring under some misapprehension as to your position. You charge me with having sent you to St Michael to suffer.

In reply permit me to say that I neither myself or this Bureau sent you out. Dr Langford writes me March 18. 1886, "I am happy to be able to inform you that as fards we are concerned, we have consummated the appointment of Rev Octavius Parker & wife as Missionaries to Alaska"

In your letter from Eugene. March 30th

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1886 you write to me (the underscoring is mine) "I have just received from Mr Langford of the Board of Missions the announcement that I am appointed Missionary teacher to Alaska"

This Bureau contracted with the Mission Board to carry on a School And the Mission Board chose you as the teacher. The Mission Board paid your travelling Expenses & the Mission Board pay your Salary.

You write "I think it was cruel to place me in such a position + + I must feel you are responsible for all this"

Now you will see by the above I did not send you out.

In the 2nd place I am not Responsible for your being located at St Michael I knew that there were very few Children there, And the Contract signed by the Commissioner of Education & Dr Langford calls for a School on the

Yukon River. When however the Mission Board began seriously to consider the difficulties of getting the supplies into the Yukon valley Dr Langford wrote a special request on March 18th 86 to the Commissioner of Education asking that the Mission Board be allowed to place their first school at St Michael as a base of operations for the Yukon valley. This was assented to on the part of the Commissioner.

When the change was granted to St Michael, I visited Dr Langford and told him you would have no comfortable buildings at St Michael and offered that if he would arrange a Mission meeting in the New York churches, that I would make an address that would without doubt secure the raising of the money for Episcopal buildings at St Michael.

I presume he did not approve of the plan, at least nothing was done.

When I returned to Washington knowing what was before you, I could not help, but wrote Dr Langford April 23rd "Have you carefully considered all the possibilities of the situation? Suppose when he reaches St Michael he finds no building that he can go into? Or the vacant trading post has to be removed across the Straits and erected? I hope you will give him discretionary power to take such action in reference to building & repairs as will make them comfortable + + +

I feel some misgivings as to the welfare of the Children"

To which Dr Langford replied April 2nd 1886. "Yours of the 23rd was the first intimation that we had that Mr Parker had any Children. He has never mentioned them to us.

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It is too late for us to do anything more about it. It was for him to consider the chances of exposure to members of his family, when making his application.

* We, however, do not feel very much disturbed about the matter since under date of April 13th the Alaska Commercial Co writes us. "Our agent – Mr Lorenz will be instructed to make your people comfortable there (if the buildings you told us about) are unoccupied, & if not to do what he can to ~~make~~ place them in a comfortable & pleasant home."

With the Secretary of the Board that appointed you feeling satisfied I knew there was nothing to be done but let Dr Langford try the experiment I write you thus fully, because not being responsible for your being sent out – nor for the station, nor for the want of suitable buildings, I am not willing to rest under the imputation

* The underscoring is mine.

of your letter of Sept 5th.

The matter stands in this way The Episcopal Mission Board selected, Commissioned & sent you out.

2nd The Contract is for a School in the Yukon valley, but the Mission Board asked permission to commence at St Michael which was granted.

3rd We urged the Mission Board to build, offered to help them raise the money & called their attention to the sufferings of your family in case they did not build; but in their wisdom the Mission Board did not act.

I knew that there were no suitable buildings for you, but thought that some arrangement could be made by which it would be possible for you to get through one year -

I knew that there were but few children, but did not know that the Greek priest had moved over from

the Yukon. And I thought for the sake of getting started, it would be well enough to allow the Mission Board to stop one year at St Michael & if anything could be done, make that a base of supplies for other schools in the Yukon valley.

If I could have reached you, I would have brought you out - But the Appropriation bill did not pass Congress until August 4th And it was Sept 3rd before I reached Puget Sound, Chartered & loaded a Schooner. Then it was Oct 13th before we were able to reach Unalaska. Being in a sailing vessel it was too late to attempt reaching St Michael.

Now dear Brother having presented the business aspect, allow me as a Christian brother who for 28 years has been enduring the

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hardships of extreme frontier work, to extend to you my sympathy & know about how you are situated. I know something of your difficulties and embarrassments and I have remembered you constantly at the throne of Grace, that God would mercifully spare your lives, preserve your health & in some way, as He so easily can, overrule your situation for your good & the advancement of his work. Through great trials he brings his children into a larger place and a wider usefulness —

Praying that you may be directed by the Holy Spirit whether you remain in Alaska or return to the States —

I remain very truly
Your Brother in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Washington D.C.
April 23 /

Mr Wm H. Gardiner
Chief Clerk Bureau of Education
Sir

I have the honor to make the following report of the work of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education for the week Ending April 23rd 1887.

Letters received	60
" sent	52
Circular letters sent	50
Public Documents sent	1311
Vouchers made out	3

Address on Education in Alaska revised for publication in "Circular of Information"

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C., March 23, 1887.

CIRCULAR.

In order to enable this Office to comply with the following requests from the Chairman of the Senate Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and examine the methods of business and work in the Executive Departments," the heads of bureaus and the chiefs of divisions of the Secretary's Office will prepare the required statements and forward them to this Office as early as possible.

Heads of bureaus are requested to cause the forms of statements from the several divisions of their respective bureaus to be made as uniform as practicable.

H. L. Muldrow

Acting Secretary.

United States Senate,

Washington, D. C., March 18, 1887.

Hon. L. Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary of the Interior.

The Select Committee of the Senate appointed in pursuance of the resolution of the Senate adopted March 3, 1887, "to inquire into and examine the methods of business and work in the Executive Departments of the Government, etc.," have instructed me as Chairman, to request you to furnish to the Committee at your earliest convenience a detailed statement of the methods of transacting business in each division of your office and in each division of each bureau of your Department, including one or more items of the principal business matters transacted in each of such divisions, beginning with the receipt of the business matter in the Department, and then showing in consecutive order the various steps taken by each of such business matters, through the various divisions of your office and the various bureaus and divisions of such bureaus and employés through whose hands the same passes, and by whom it is considered and acted upon and the action thereon had and taken by each, until the same is finally disposed of, and notice thereof duly given to the proper party.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully yours, etc.,

F. M. COCKRELL,
Chairman, Senate Select Committee.

[OVER.]

United States Senate,

Washington, D. C., March 18, 1887.

Hon. L. Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary of the Interior.

MY DEAR SIR:

The Select Committee of the Senate, appointed in pursuance of the Resolution of the Senate adopted March 3, 1887, "to inquire into and examine the methods of business and work in the Executive Departments of the Government, the time and attention devoted to the operations thereof by the persons employed therein, and generally to inquire into and report to the Senate the causes of the delay in transacting the public business said to exist in some of the Departments," have instructed me, as the Chairman, to request you to furnish to the Committee, at your earliest convenience, a detailed statement, showing the amount and character of business pending in each division of your office and in each division of each bureau of your Department on the first day of January, 1884, and the amount and character of business received, and also transacted and disposed of in each division of your office and in each division of each bureau of your Department during said calendar year 1884, and on hand, pending and undisposed of on January 1, 1885, and the amount and character of business received, and also transacted and disposed of in each division of your office and in each division of each bureau of your Department during said calendar year 1885, and also on hand, pending and undisposed of on January 1, 1886; and the amount and character of business received, and also transacted and disposed of in each division of your office and in each division of each bureau of your Department during said year 1886, and also on hand, pending and undisposed of on January 1, 1887; and received, and also transacted and disposed of in each division of your office and in each division of each bureau of your Department during said year 1887 up to March 1, 1887, and on hand, pending and undisposed of in each division of your office and in each division of each bureau of your Department on said March 1, 1887; and also a detailed statement, showing the average amount and character of business performed, transacted, and disposed of by the employés in each division of your office and in each division of each bureau of your Department, and the average number of employés in each of such divisions, during each month in said years 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887 up to March 1, 1887; and also the maximum and minimum amount of business transacted and disposed of by the employé doing the most and the employé doing the least in each of such divisions during each of said months of said years, and if no account has been kept of the business performed and disposed of by each employé in any of such divisions during said years or any part or parts thereof, the reasons why such account has not been kept; and also a statement showing the average number of days, and the time and attention devoted to the consideration and transaction of business by the employés in each of the said several divisions and whether in person or by proxy during each of said calendar years 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887 up to March 1, 1887, or during such parts of said years or either of them, as such employés or any of them may have been receiving pay from the United States, and also the maximum and the minimum number of days during each of said years and up to March 1, 1887, so devoted to business by the employé in each of said divisions, present for the greatest number of days, and also for the least number of days. If the data called for by calendar years, cannot be given as readily by calendar years as by fiscal years, then substitute for the calendar years named the fiscal years 1884, 1885, 1886, and 1887 up to March 1, 1887, and thus save as much unnecessary labor as possible.

I have the honor to be, most truly yours,

F. M. COCKRELL,
Chairman, Senate Select Committee.

Alaska Bureau of Education

1st Administering the fund for the Education of Children in Alaska without distinction
2nd Making needful provision for the Education of the Children of School age in Alaska according to the requirements of the Organic act providing for a Civil Government for Alaska
3rd The location of the Schools.
4th The lease of School buildings
5th Architects plans for School buildings
6th Arrange for the Erection of School buildings
7th " Repairs
8th " Materials for
9th " School furniture
10th " Books. Charts. fuel &c
11th Provide blanks for School reports
12th Receive and audit the Accounts
13th " " Examine and approve vouchers
14th Attend to the securing of teachers
15th Examine teacher's certificates, applications and testimonials
16th Recommend the appointment of teachers
17th Receive the resignation of teachers
18th Receive and examine Monthly School report
19th Audit the accounts of teachers
20th Provide for their prompt payment
21st Conduct the correspondence with teachers.

Alaska Bureau of Education
(continued)

22nd Attend to all the correspondence necessitated by the Alaska Schools
23rd Take care of the Alaska files
24th Keep the Commissioner of Education informed of the condition of the Alaska Fund.
25th Answer inquiries and furnish information concerning the work of Education in Alaska
26th Prepare and publish an annual report.

Alaska Education

Education

The Monthly Report for the School at - - is received from - - - teacher. The statistics are tabulated in a book kept for the purpose

The accompanying voucher for the salary is examined quarterly, and if found correct is certified to with the signature of the General Agent of Education in Alaska

The voucher in triplicate is then sent to the Commissioner of Education, who also signs his approval. The original voucher is then sent to the Disbursing Office of the Department of the Interior for payment; a Treasury Check payable to the order of the teacher is mailed direct to the teacher by the Disbursing Office. The duplicate voucher is filed in the Bureau of Education & the triplicate voucher is filed together with the Monthly reports with the General Agent of Education in Alaska

Alaska
Education

	5	5
Letters Received	+1500	
" Sent		+2000
Circular Letters Sent		+500
Public Documents "		+30000
Vouchers audited	132	132
School Reports Examined	180	180
School Houses rented		3
Salaries Paid		$4125.00
Supplies purchased		$2932.24
Teachers Applications Examined	40	40
Teachers Appointed		10
Miles travelled		+10.442

+ Approximate.

Alaska
Education

	6	6
Letters Received	*2000	
" Sent		*2100
Circular letters Sent		*650
Public Documents Sent		*23.000
Vouchers Audited	170	170
School reports Examined	200	200
School houses rented		5
Salaries paid		$11.090.67
Supplies purchased Rent		$ 694.39
Teachers Applications Examined		135
Teachers Appointed		15
Miles Travelled		*12.500

Charter of Schooner to convey teachers to destination and visit important Centres $4535.00

* Approximate.

Alaska
Education

	March 1st	March 1st
Letters received	*686	
Letters sent		*380
Circular letters sent		*286
Public Documents sent		*900
Vouchers Audited	45	45
School reports Examined	60	60
School houses rented		4
Salaries Paid		$3.040.00
Teacher's applications Examined		25
Teachers Appointed		
Miles Travelled		
Supplies purchased & sent.		

* Approximate.

The General Agent of Education in Alaska has had no Clerk.

Occasionally he has been allowed the services of one of the Clerks of the Bureau of Education for a few hours.

The General Agent of Education in Alaska has taken no vacation & given 10 hours a day to his work during the 6 work days of each week.

Washington D.C.
April 30 1889

Mr Wm H. Gardiner
Chief Clerk Bureau of Education
Sir

I have the honor to make the following report of the work of the Alaska Division of the Bureau of Education for the week ending April 30th 1889.

Letters received	65
" Sent	40
Public Doc Sent	3012
Reports Examined	16

Report of this Division made out for Senate by Mr Cochran, Chief Clerk Ann

Very Truly yours
Sheldon Jackson
Gen Agent

May 7th 7

Hon. N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Sir

Permit me to urge upon you the importance of your making a visit of inspection to Alaska.

That Country is so little known to the world, that a clear understanding of its peculiar conditions can only be had by a personal visit

It is so different in its physical formation from the ballance of the United States, that it requires different methods of management, and these will be best comprehended after personal observation

The public schools have environment peculiar to themselves, and their needs

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can be fully appreciated only by a personal knowledge of their surrounding. No amount of reading will give a correct and adequate conception of the situation.

Charged as you are, by the Commissioner, the Secretary of the Interior, with the responsibility of making "needful and proper provision for the Education of the children of school age in the Territory of Alaska", it is essential that you see the Country and the environment of the children, in order that you may know what is "needful and proper".

It is essential that you visit Alaska in order that you may meet the teachers learn their quality, & see the difficulties against which they struggle, and the disadvantages under which they labor.

Such a visit is essential, that you may be able to judge intelligently of the suitableness and wisdom of plans

& recommendations that may be made to you from time to time

It is essential that you visit Alaska, that having the confidence of your own observation, you may urge more persistently a greater increased appropriation, which is greatly needed. The work needs enlarging. Both treaty obligations, a sound public policy and the fulfillment of the law to make "needful & proper" provision for schools require an enlargement.

Again it is a shame to compel intelligent & cultivated men & women to teach in school houses that a well-to-do farmer would not consider fit for his cattle.

If you could only see these things with your own eyes, I am sure the honorable, the Secretary of the Interior, will listen to your representations

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and give his official sanction to
a most agreeable work
With great respect I remain
Yours truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
S. H. Curtis

Dollars

1st For Salary as teacher
of U.S. Public School at
Hawuck Alaska at
$150 per Month
For April 1887 $151.00

One hundred and fifty

May 2nd 7

Eng A. H. R. Lawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Sir

The work of Education in Alaska for 186[illegible] was greatly hindered by the delay of Congress in making the appropriation.

Until it was definitely known how much would be appropriated for Education no plan of work could be arranged.

Until the appropriation was actually made the office was left in doubt, whether it would be able to enlarge the work, or merely continue existing schools, or disband them.

The appropriation was not made until August 188[illegible]

In the mean time the Corwin became that sail from San Francisco to Behring Sea

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in the Spring and return in the fall, had all failed; and with them the only regular opportunity of sending teachers and school supplies to western Alaska.

To wait until the following Spring would involve the delay of another year in establishing the schools. Under the circumstances there was no alternative but to charter a vessel for the work of the Bureau.

This, in addition to meeting a necessity, enabled the Commissioner of Education to secure reliable information concerning the Education needs of the principal centres of population among the Original Russians, Aleutes & Eskimos, Southern, and South western Alaska.

With the commencement of the public agitation which resulted in securing schools for Alaska, the Commissioner has sought diligently for reliable and explicit information concerning that unknown region. When in 1885 the expenditure

of establishing schools in that section was placed upon him, he more than ever felt the need of the information that was necessary for intelligent action in the school work.

An ~~effort~~ application was then made, to the honorable the Secretary of the Navy and he issued instructions to the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S.S. Pinta, then in Alaskan waters, to take the General Agent of Education in Alaska on a tour of inspection along the coast. A combination of circumstances prevented the ship from making the trip.

The necessity which arose in the fall of 1886 of sending in the teachers, furnished the long desired opportunity of securing the needed information.

The schooner Leo of Sitka was chartered, because the terms were the lowest and because the vessel had auxiliary steam-power, which enabled it to get into many harbors, and through the

narrow channels between the islands, where, without this auxiliary power, we would have been delayed weeks.

The Cruise proved a stormy one, continuing 124 days. Passing through the equinoctial storms, we encountered the early winter gales of that high northern latitude. We lost two sails, were stranded on a reef of rocks, nearly lost a sailor overboard, while repeatedly great seas washed completely over us.

Laying our course for Atka, one of the Aleutian group of islands, the storms finally landed us, September 21, at Kadiak, 900 miles to the eastward of our destination. Kadiak Island is the western limit of forests along the southern coast of Alaska. It is also near the eastern limit of the immigrant or civilized Eskimo population.

The first European or Russian settlement on this island was made

by Gregory Shelikoff in 1784; and soon after a school (the first in Alaska) was organized for the children of the Russians. Also the first church building in Alaska was erected on this island. For a long time it was the Russian capital and the chief seat of their operations in America. A tombstone in the Russian cemetery bears the date 1791.

The village has a pleasant look, and consists of 43 log houses, 23 rough board houses and 12 painted ones. It has a Russian creole population of 303, of whom 143 are children. There are 20 white men in the settlement. The Russian school had been extinct for more than a quarter of a century, and for years the people had been looking for another. It was a great satisfaction to be permitted to give them a good school. Prof. N. E. Roscoe, an experienced teacher from California, with his wife

and Lake, was stationed at this place, and received from the people a very warm welcome. He had been landed but a few hours when a delegation of adults waited upon him and asked that a night-school for instruction in English might be established for the married people.

Mr. Benjamin McIntyre, the official General Agent of the Alaska Commercial Company, furnished a school-room free of rent and in many ways gave important help to the teacher. Valuable assistance was also received from Mr. Ivan Petroff, Deputy Collector of Customs.

Opposite Kadiak is Wood Island, with fifty bright children. The patriarch of the village gathered them into a room and then made a touching appeal for a school. It was with a heavy heart that I said to them, as subsequently I was compelled to say to many others, I would

be glad to give you a school, but I cannot. The meager appropriation by Congress of $25,000 for the education of the ten or twelve thousand children of Alaska necessarily deprives the majority of them of any school.

To the north of Wood Island is Spruce Island, where a Russian monk, at his own expense, kept up a school for thirty consecutive years. He died and his school was discontinued. To these entreaties for a school we had to turn a deaf ear. They are a well-to-do people, with humble but pleasant homes. They have a number of cows, make butter and cheese, and raise potatoes. The men are most hunters of the sea otter.

Still farther north is Afognak Island, with 146 school children. A school was established among them, with Prof James A. Smith in charge. While

superintending the unloading of the school supplies through the breakers we were invited by one of the villagers to a lunch of nice fried chicken, potatoes, eggs, bread and sweet, fresh butter, cake, home-made preserves and Russian tea, served in glass tumblers.

From Afognak we visited Karluk, with its 118 children; Akhiok, 48; Uyakhabalik, 72; and Kaguiak, 5. All of these groups of bright-eyed, rosy cheeked and healthy children had to be refused schools for want of funds. At some of these villages the ladies of our party were the first white women ever seen.

From the Kadiak group of islands, nine days' battling with the waves brought us to Unalaska, in Behring Sea. This is the commercial part of modern Alaska and contains a population of 340, 132 of whom are Russian [illegible]

years of age.

Mr. S. Mack, agent of the Alaska Commercial Company; Dr Call, the company physician; Collector Barry and Commissioner Johnston did all in their power to make our visit pleasant. At this village a school of 24 pupils was in operation under the control of the Russian-Greek Church. The teacher, Tsikoores, was born in Greece and partly educated in San Francisco.

The Greek Church has 16 general holidays and 200 minor ones during the year, which are celebrated more or less by the Alaska churches. One of the holidays, observed while we were at Unalaskka, was in commemoration of the Virgin Mary appearing to the Greek army over one thousand years ago and leading them to victory.

American citizens that have

heard a prayer for the President of the United States, or of the Fourth of July, or the name of the capital of the nation, are taught to pray for the Emperor of Russia, celebrate his birthday, and commemorate the victories of ancient Greece. Upon one occasion trying to inform them that we had come from the seat of government at Washington to open the way for the establishment of schools, we found that the only American city they had ever heard of was San Francisco. After laboring with them, one man was found who had somehow heard of Chicago. Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington were unknown regions.

In the mountains back of Unalaska a volcano was in active eruption.

From Unalaska we sailed to Unga, the center of the cod fisheries of

the North Pacific. Unga has 74 children. At this point we left Mr. & Mrs. John W. Carr to establish a school. On this trip a complete census was taken of the population from Kadiak westward to Attow, and in a total population of 3840, I numbered 1649 children. These are children of a civilized people who, by the terms of Article III, of the treaty of 1867 between Russia and the United States, are declared to be citizens, and are guaranteed all the "rights, advantages and immunities of citizens of the United States, and yet after nineteen years of total neglect the United States Government only gives them three teachers.

Yukon Valley

On the 25th of June 1886 Rev Octavius Parker, who had been appointed teacher for the Yukon Valley, with his family reached St. Michael Alaska.

The original contract between the Commissioner of Education and the Protestant Episcopal Board of Missions called for the establishment and maintenance of a good school in the Yukon Valley.

On account of the difficulty of perfecting arrangements and transporting supplies in time, the Secretary of the Mission Society requested permission for the teacher to locate the first year at St Michael on the sea-board. Under to secure a commencement of school work in a distant section, the Commissioner consented to the change, although it was known that there were but few children at the place.

This past winter the Episcopal Board of Missions has commissioned Rev John W. Chapman to join Mr Parker in Alaska with instructions to establish a school at some suitable village in the Yukon

Valley. Mr Chapman is now enroute to that Northernmost School in the United States.

Bethel

The Moravian party, who were sent in the Spring of 1885 from Pennsylvania to establish a School in the Valley of the Kuskokwim river, sailed from San Francisco on the 18th of May and reached their destination on the 13th of July. The Materials for their dwelling were not all received until about the 12th of August. A small frame building 12x14 feet was erected & so far completed that they were able to move into it on the 16th of October, at which time the Arctic winter of that region had set in with its usual severity. On December 29th the thermometer registered 50° below zero. This was the coldest of the season. On January the thermometer registered

40° above zero. Failing to secure a school room, they were unable to hold regular sessions of school. Yet they were visited by hundreds of Eskimo who remained with them a longer or shorter time according to circumstances. These received as far as possible special instruction, the living room of the house being used as a school room.

During the summer of 1886 a school house was erected and regular instruction is being given.

Nushagak.

In the spring of 1886 Mr Frank E Nipp was sent to Bering Sea to erect a school house and residence at Nushagak.

He reached there August 21st, erected and inclosed a frame building 24 x 36 feet with a 12 foot addition and returned to Pennsylvania for the winter.

Last month (April 18[illegible]) Mr Nipp

Wolf & two Children & Miss Mary Hunter left for Muhkook to open the School.

Klawack

About midway between the north & south end of Prince of Wales Island on the west coast is the important fishery at Klawack

The fishery and a Saw Mill connected with it have drawn around them a large native population

For several years past their leading men have asked for a School.

This place was supplied with a School last fall, and Prof L. H. Curry of North Carolina, who has had many years experience in teaching among Indians was placed in Charge

The progress of the School has been greatly retarded by the want of a suitable and comfortable School room

Last fall when it became time to open the schools, the teacher at Hai-

announced her resignation and it was January before I was able to secure another teacher. At this time Mr Alanson Kipinsky, who taught last year at Unalaska, was appointed teacher.

The schools at Juneau, Tongass, Killisnoo, Sitka, Wrangell & Jackson were continued under the former teachers & have been doing a good work.

They all lack suitable school building. In September last Prof S.A. Saymon an experienced teacher from Pennsylvania was sent to Loring.

At this point a fishery had been established, and it was hoped that the growing industry would at once attract and concentrate at that point the scattered natives of southeastern Alaska. This expectation not being realized, Prof Saymon was removed in November to Port Tongass.

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In December last in company with Mr Louie Paul, a native missionary, he took a canoe and started out to find a better location for the school.

Failing to return, in due time two search parties were sent out, who found the canoe wrecked. No trace was found of the bodies.

In the drowning of Prof Layman the schools in Alaska lost one their ablest teachers.

The following statistics are compiled from the Monthly Reports of the Schools as far as they have been received.

	1885												1887					
	Total Enrollment	Monthly Enrollment	Average Attendance	Total Enrollment	Monthly Enrollment	Average Attendance	Total Enrollment	Monthly Enrollment	Average Attendance	Total Enrollment	Monthly Enrollment	Average Attendance	Total Enrollment	Monthly Enrollment	Average Attendance	Total Enrollment	Monthly Enrollment	Average Attendance
Sitka No 1	42	37	55	51	53	49	52	46	48	44	55	47	43	57	45	38		
" No 2	42	28	43	23	70	27	60	19	56	24	55	25	128	56	23			
Killisnoo	51	11	46	16	47	21	47	21	35	14	31	14	80	36	10			
													+90					
Duncan	22	16	26	14	36	13	45	12										
												40	+150	38	24			
Kuiah	14	9	29	17	112	45	133	70	133	49								
											77	46	106	48	34			
Metlakahtla	80	45	89	54	87	51	67	54	73	47								
													+					
Jackson	62	19	67	25	74	47	96	64	96	58	76	37	120	66	35			
Kadiak			32	18	36	30	20	38	30	14	40	26	10	43	35	18	54	37	18
																	+		
Afognak			30	18		30	16		18	13	31	16	13	32	16	11	40		
Unga			44	20		24	20		24	22	25	23	19	26	25	23	29	29	24
																	+		
Klawack						124	40	135	124	42	140	36	26				150		
Ellinor											36	35	33	42	42	40	46	46	43.
																	+		
																	100		
Bethel																	+		
St Michael																	30		
Tongass Boring																	1180 + 70 = 1250		

+ Estimated.

As near as I can gather from the reports now in and the knowledge of the schools from which reports are not yet received, there are at least 1200 children in the Alaska schools.

The great need of the schools are suitable school houses. This will require a larger appropriation.

$50,000 for Education in Alaska is the amount that I shall ask of Congress for the year 1887-8.

Thanking you for the interest you have taken in the work —

I remain with great respect
Your Friend
Sheldon Jackson
Special Agent.

Education of Children in Alaska 1887
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson

Commissioner

May 1st For Salary as General
Agent of Education in
Alaska at $1200 per annum
April 1st to 8th inclusive $26.37

Twenty six 37/100

Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson

Commissioner

May 1st For Salary as General
Agent of Education in Alaska
at $1200 per annum
April 9th to 30 inclusive $72.53
For 1 Russian Dictionary (voucher) 1.32
" 1 Russian Grammer (") 1.92
$75.77

Seventy five 77/100 — —
Sheldon Jackson

July 19th

Alaska Free Press

Juneau Alaska

Sir

You will please publish the enclosed advertisement one time and send bill for the same in triplicate on the enclosed blanks.

Also mail me three copies of the paper containing the advertisement.

Also please call the attention of the carpenters of Juneau to the add-

Kind remembrances to your family

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

July 19th

Dr T. T. Mills

Juneau Alaska

Sir

As Secretary of the Territorial Board of Education I take the honor to inform you, that at a meeting of the Board on June 1st you were appointed teacher of the public school to be started on Douglas Island at a salary of $120 per month for the fiscal school year.

It will be well for you to find a suitable building that the Government can rent and report the same to me for action

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

July 19th

Miss Henrietta Jones

Juneau Alaska

Madam

As Secretary of the Territorial Board of Education I have the honor to inform you, that you have been appointed Assistant teacher at Juneau for the present fiscal year at a salary of $50 per month.

Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

July 20th

Mr A. L. Williams

Juneau

Sir

The School Board has taken the liberty of asking you to take charge of the plans & specifications for a School building at Juneau and keep them open for inspection by any Carpenter who may wish to put in bids for the erection of the building.

The bidder is expected to furnish all Material &c — do the painting & when done turn the key over to the School Board with the building complete & ready for occupance.

The plans are not quite finished. They will be sent to you as soon as ready.

Kind regards to Mrs Williams

Yours &c

Sheldon Jackson

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Mrs Harding

Juneau Alaska

Madam

In the absence of Mr Kelley who is off with the boys after salmon, I write to say that if you can come over here and see Mr Kelley & talk matters over, that I have no doubt but that you can come to an arrangement satisfactory to you both.

Then if you ~~fail~~ do not like here I can get you the Government School at Killisnoo.

This fall or next spring a hospital is to be established here in connection with the Mission here, and I think you have been brought out here by Providence to go into it.

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Mr Travelling Expenses from
Washington D.C. to Sitka Alaska

Mar	11	Street car .05 Transfer Trunk .25 Supper .75	1.05
"	"	1 Fare to Harrisburg	3.74
"	17	1 Fare Harrisburg to Chicago	22.75
"	17	1 Breakfast	1.00
June	2	Transfer Trunk between depot Chicago	0.50
"		1 Fare Chicago to St Paul 7.83 1.50 Sleeper	9.33
	3	Breakfast .50 Dinner .50	1.00
		to Merchant's Hotel St Paul 1 day	3.00
"		Transfer Trunk to Hotel	0.25
"	"	" " Depot	0.25
"		1 Berth Sleeper to St Paul	15.00
"		1 Dinner .50 1 Supper .75	1.25
"		Breakfast .75 Dinner .75 Lunch .25	1.75
8		" .75 " .75 " .20	1.70
9		" .75 " .75 " .10	1.60
10		" .75 " .50 Supper .50	1.75
"		1 Fare Wallula Junction to Portland	3.60
11		Merchants Hotel Portland Or	
		@ $2. Lodging & 1 Breakfast	1.00
"		Dinner	0.50
12		Tillard Hotel Tacoma W.T. 1.00	1.50
"		Trunk to & from Hotel @ .50	1.00
		1 Supper	0.35
"		1 Fare Steamer Tacoma to Sitka	25.10
			94.8

Aug 13th

Messrs Latourette & Bowen
91 Front St. Portland Or

Dear Sir

Your letter of July 14th is before me & I accept your offer of $240 for 10x15 Old Style Gordon with Throw off Complete with Chases, Rounders, Roller Mould, Iron Roller Stocks &c.

Enclosed find Check for the Press. Please see that it is securely packed.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Send receipted bill to me.

Ship the press to Wm A. Kelly
Native Training School.
Sitka Alaska

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Commissioner

August 31	For services as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a salary of $1200 per annum	
	For July	101.10
	" August	101.10
July	2nd For travelling Expenses from Sitka to Juneau Alaska	7.50
"	1st Transfer of Baggage to Steamer	.25
"	2nd " " " from "	.25
"	11 Transportation from Juneau to Sitka	7.50
"	" Transfer of Baggage to Steamer	.25
"	13th " " " from "	.25
August	7 Transportation from Tongas to Sitka	12.50
	" Transfer of Baggage to Steamer	.25
	13 " " " from "	.25
		$231 20

District of Alaska } S.S.

On this the 15th day of August A.D. 1887 before me John G. Brady, U.S. Commissioner for Sitka personally appeared Sheldon Jackson U.S. General Agent of Education in Alaska who being by me first duly sworn, deposes & says that the above sums in detail therein have been taken from and verified by his memorandum; that they are correct & just; that the amount charged was actually paid; that no part of the journey charged has been made under any free pass on any railway, steamboat or other public conveyance; that the number of days for which the same is charged was necessarily consumed in unavoidable delays incident to travel & in the performance of the above journey.

Sheldon Jackson

Subscribed & sworn to before me August 15th 1887

August 20

Mr J. Turnbull

Sitka Alaska

Sir

I am directed by the Territorial Board of Education to inform you, that they have made the following changes in the plans and specifications for a school building at Sitka

1st The building is extended 6' 6" making the total length 40 feet.

2nd Two terra Cotta Chimneys are substituted for one brick Chimney.

3rd The gutters & Conductors are dispensed with

4th Permission is given to use Alaska lumber for the rough lumber.

I have the honor to return your bid & request that you put in a new bid based on the recent changes in plan and specifications

Plan & Specifications can be seen at the Office of Sudan Lawson.

All bids should be handed to me at the Mission, or to any Member of the Board Not later than Tuesday Noon August 23rd

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Send to J. Turnbull
Wm A. Kelly } Sitka Alaska
Mr Calvert

E. B. Crawford
S. P. Lorenson } Juneau Alaska
Geo B. Johnstone

See pages 127 + 126.

Table No 1.

Estimates for the support of Existing Schools in Alaska for the year ending June 30th 1887.

Places.	Salaries	Buildings	Supplies	Population under 21 years of age	School Attendance 1886-1887
Yukon River	~~1500~~ 1200		150		
Bethel	~~1500~~ 1200		150		13
Nushagak	~~1500~~ 1200		150		
Unga	1200	1200	150	74	32
Kadiak	1200	1500	150	143	59
Afognak	1200	1200	150	146	30
Haines	1200		150	60	46
Wrangel	2000		150	245	218
Douglas City			100		
Killisnoo	800		150	200	125
Sitka	1800		200	503	198

Table No 1. Continued

Places	Salaries	Buildings	Supplies	Population under school age	School Attendance 1886-7
Fort Wrangle	$1000		$200	110	106
Klawack	$1200	$1200	$200	132	168
Jackson	$800	$1000	$150	144	123
General Agent	$1200				
Board of Education	$600				
3 District Superintendent	$600				
3 School Commissioners	$600				
Travelling & Contingent Expenses			$1000		
~~$2,900.00~~	$19,600	$6,100	$2200	$175	$111
$27,000					

Table No 2.

Places in Alaska where Schools are urgently needed, with Estimate of Expense for the same

Places.	Salaries	Buildings	Supplies	Population under 21 yrs.
Unalaska	1200	1500	400	132
Belkofsky	800	1500	400	91
Morshnevoi	1200	1500	400	39
Wood Island	800	1000	300	50
Spruce Island	800	1000	300	18
Kaguiak	300	1000	300	45
Ayakhatalik	1200	1000	300	72
Cook's Inlet	1200	1000	400	*100
Yakutat		~~1000~~	300	*200
Koonah	800		150	+150
Mitla-Katla	800	1000	150	+210
	$9.100	$10.500	$3.400	1097

* Estimated.

Table No 3.

Places in Alaska where schools ought to be established.

	Salaries	Buildings	Supplies	Population under 21 years age
Karluk	$1200	$1000	$300	118
Katmai	$1200	$1000	$300	71
Old Harbor	$800	$1000	$300	66
Orlova	$1200	$1000	$300	52
Unimak	$1200	$1000	$300	59
Skilakk	$1200	$1000	$300	+40
Susletno	$1200	$1000	$300	+50
Atka	$1200	$1000	$300	141
Klackquan	$1200	$1000	$300	+200
Attoo	$1200	$1000	$300	61
Akhiok	$1200	$1000	$300	48
	$12,800	$11,000	$3300	936

Table No 1.	27.000 ~~$27,900 00~~
125 Children at Sitka Training School at $120 per head	$15000 00
	~~$42,900 00~~ $42 000
Table No 1	27 000 ~~$27,900 00~~
" " 2	$23,000 00
	$50,000 00
Table No 1	$27,000 00
" " 2	$23,000 00
" " 3	$27,100 00
	$77,100 00
Tables 1. 2 & 3	$77,100 00
Sitka Training School	$15000 00
	~~$92,100 00~~ $92,100.00

August 24th

To the Territorial Board of Education
Sitka Alaska

Sirs.

In response to the resolution of the Board adopted at its Meeting August 22nd asking for a list of teachers, and existing pecuniary obligations of the Board, I have the honor to make the the following report.

On the 1st of July 1886. the Hon John Eaton U. S. Commissioner of Education for and on behalf of the United States Entered into Contracts with Edmund de Schweinitz for and on behalf of the "Board of Aders of the Northern Diocese of the Church of the United Brethren in the United States of America"

(Commonly called Moravian) to carry on Schools at Bethel on the Kuskquim River and at Nushagak on a river of the same name for $1500 for each School".

On the same date the U.S. Commissioner of Education entered into Contract with Wm. G. Langford Secretary for and on behalf of the "Board of Managers of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S. of America" to carry on a School at St. Michael or at some point on the Yukon River for $1500.

The above Contracts were for one year & all terminated on the 30th of June 1887.

Placing the above Schools at $1200 each for the present fiscal year - the Estimated expense of running the Schools will be as follows

General Agent - - - - - - - -	$1200.
Board of Education - - - - - -	600
District Superintendent - - - -	200
School Committee - - - - -	300
Travelling and Contingent Expenses	1100
	$3.300

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Places	Teachers	Salaries	Buildings	Supplies
Carried forward		$2300		$1100
Sitka No 1	Miss Margaret Powell	1000	$2000	150
Sitka No 2	Miss Virginia Pattie	800		150
Killisnoo	Miss May Ransom	800		100
Juneau	George B. Thruston	1200	$2100	150
"	Miss Muritta Jones	800		
Douglas	Dr H. H. White	1200		100
Fort Wrangell	Miss Lydia McLean	1000	300	150
Yakutat	John N. Chapman	1200		100
Bettles	John H. Hillbuck	1200		100
Nushagak	Frank E. Wolff	1200		100
Unga	John H. Clark	1200		150
Kadiak	N. E. Roscoe	1200		100
Afognak	James A. Wirth	1200		150
Ulukwack	L. M. Currie	1200		200
Karluk	Miss Clara A. Gould	800		150
		$18.300	$4.300	$2.850

Total $25.450.

School Committee 300 | 500

" Sub Supt 200 | $24.950

$700

Respectfully Submitted
[illegible]
[illegible]

Sitka, Alaska August 23. 1887

The Territorial Board of Education met at the office of Judge Dawson at 4 P.M. all being present.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & approved.

The following proposals for the Erection of a School building at Sitka were received by Mr A. Kelly in behalf of the Training School $2100.

John H. Turnbull $2000.

Upon motion of Gov Swineford the Contract for the erection of a School building at Sitka was awarded to Mr Mr A. Kelly at $2000.

Upon motion of Dr Jackson Judge Dawson was requested to prepare the necessary contract & bonds.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4 O. Clock.

Sitka Alaska August 24th 1887

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Office of Judge Dawson at 4 O'Clock P.M.

All the members were present together with the Com't. H. R. Dawson, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting were read and approved.

Dr Jackson made ~~a report of some~~ the following report.

Sitka Alaska, August 24. 87

To the Territorial Board of Education

Sirs ~~Sitka, Alaska~~

In response to the resolution of the Board at its Meeting August 22nd Asking for a list of teachers and existing pecuniary obligations of the Board, I have the honor to make the following report.

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Placing the above Schools at $1200 each for the present fiscal year, the Estimated Expense of running the Schools will be as follows.

Salaries of General Agent $1200

Board of Education $600, Travelling & Contingent Expenses $1100. Miss Margaret Powell, Sitka School No 1 $1100. Miss Virginia Pakle Sitka No 2 $500 Miss May Ransom Killisnoo $810, Geo B Johnston Juneau $1200 Miss Henrietta Jensen Juneau $810, Dr H. H. White Haines $1200, Miss Leda L. McAdoo Fort Wrangell $1100. John W. Chapman Yukon River $1200, John C. Hillbuck Bettles $1200, Frank E. Wolff Nushagak $1200, John C Carr Unga $1200, W. E. Roscoe Kadiak $1200. James A. Wirth Afognak $1200. D. M. Currie Klawack $1200 and Miss Clara A. Gould Tenakee $810 - For buildings at Sitka $2000, Juneau $2000 & Fort Wrangell $800. For books, fuel, lights, janitor &c from $100 to $150 each School. Total $24.950.

~~Upon Motion of Gov Swineford the Grand Agent was authorized and instructed to write the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church that the Contract for the School on the Yukon River would not be renewed - but if the Board of Missions will keep up a good~~

Upon motion of Gov Swineford the U.S. Commissioner of Education was recommended and requested to renew the contracts with the Board of Missions of the Episcopal & Moravian Churches for the schools at Bethel, Nushagak & on the Yukon River at $1200 each.

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~~English school in accordance with the rules & requirements of the Board of Education, the Board of Education upon the receipt of the proper reports will allow $1200 towards the support of the school.~~

~~The General Agent was also authorized to make a similar proposition to the Board of Elders of the Moravian Church with regard to support of the school at Nushagak and the school at Bethel.~~

Upon consultation with Commissioner Dawson it appearing that it was the intention of the ~~Department~~ Secretary of the Interior that the General Agent of Education should be Acting District Superintendent of the Sitka District, upon motion of Gov Swineford the appointment of Mr George B. Johnston as District Superintendent was revoked,

Upon motion of Gov Swineford the General Agent was authorized & instructed to apply to Hon A. K. Delaney, Custodian of the Public buildings, for the second story

of the building known as the Hospital building at Fort Wrangle for the Government School.

Upon motion of Gov Swineford the Secretary was authorized and instructed to procure for the finishing of the School building at Killisnoo 1400 feet 1 by 4 tongue & grooved flooring, 2000 feet 1 by 4 tongue, grooved and beaded ceiling, 100 feet 2 x 12, 12 feet long rough lumber, 500 feet 1¼ by five eighths door and window stops, 4 doz hat hooks and one door.

Upon motion of Dr Jackson it was directed that the new School buildings at Sitka & Juneau should be painted white.

Dr Jackson presented the bill of Miss Margaret Powell for Salary April, May & June 1887 - $240. Janitor's fees from March 1st to June 1887 inclusive $20. Sawing wood $1.25. Total $261.25.

Upon motion of Gov Swineford the bill was audited and approved.

Dr Jackson presented the bill of Miss Linda J. McCann for Salary April May & June

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Urged upon Congress the importance of immediately to establish Schools in Alaska

105, $40, 1 Cord of wood $6. janitor's fees April May & June $6. Total $260.

Upon Motion of Gordwin for the bill was Audited & Approved.

Dr Jackson ~~reported~~ presented the following report.

Sitka Alaska August 24th 1885

To the Hon A. H. R. Dawson

U. S. Commissioner of Education

Sir

For your guidance in preparing Estimates of Appropriations for Education in Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30 1886 the Territorial Board of Education have the honor to transmit to you as a preliminary report the following tables and recommend

Table No 1.

Estimates for the support of Existing Schools Salaries. Yukon River, Bethel, Nushagak Ugaa, Kadiak, Afognak, Cairno, Klawock at $1200 each. Juneau $2000. Sitka 1100 Fort Wrangell $1000, Killisnoo and Hoonah

Board of Education
$800 each. General Agent $1200. ~~Above Board~~
$100. 3 District Superintendents $100, 3 Sch
Commissioners $300. Total $15,700.

Buildings. Unga $1200. Kadiak $1500
Afognak $1200. Klawack $1200 and Hootka
$100. Total $5,100 Supplies $2200. Making
a total of $27,000. The School attendance
of the above Schools as far as reported Nov. 1st
1118.

Table No 2

Places where schools are urgently needed
with estimate of expense for the same.
Salaries. Unalaska, Morshovi, Ayak-
hatalik and Cook's Inlet at $1200 each
Belkofsky. Mud Island, Spruce Island
Cornah. and Metta-Katla at $100 each.
and Kaguiak $300. Total $9,100.
Buildings Unalaska, Belkofsky & Morshovi
$1500 each. Mud Island, Spruce Island,
Kaguiak, Ayakhatalik, Cook's Inlet and
Metta-Katla $1000 each. Total $10,500.
Supplies $3,400 Making total of Table No 2

$ 33.000.

Table No 3

Places where Schools ought to be established with expense of the same.

Salaries Karluk, Katmai, Orlova, Unnak, Skilakh, Sushetna, Alkha, Uluckquan, Atteo and Akhiok at $1200 each Old Harbor $800. Total $12.800.

Buildings for same at $1100 each, $11.000 supplies for same $3.300 Total of Table No 3 $27.100.

~~Table~~

Tables Nos 1 & 2 Combined make $50.000. Tables Nos 1. 2 & 3 Combined make $77.100.

If the Sitka Training School is to be placed under the ~~Bureau~~ Ind. Bureau of Education, then $15200 more is required for 125 Children

Tables Nos 1. 2 & 3. together with Sitka Training School aggregate $92.100.

New Mining camps like Berner's Bay & Douglas Island, and fisheries like

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Loring & Tongass Narrows will probably soon need Schools. So that for one year an appropriation of $100,000 could be wisely used for Education in Alaska. After the necessary buildings are erected the expenses will be much less.

~~Respectfully~~ By order of the Board.
Submitted
Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Mr Swineford Moved that the Aforesaid Communication be furnished Commissioner Bowen. Carried.

Upon Motion the Board adjourned subject to the call of the ~~Moderator~~ Chairman.

August 24th

Hon. N. R. Dawson

U. S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

For your guidance in preparing estimate of appropriations for Education in Alaska for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1889 the Territorial Board of Education have the honor to transmit herewith as a preliminary report the following letter and recommend that you urge upon Congress the importance of making an appropriation sufficient to establish these new schools.

Sailes Nos 1, 2 & 3 together with Sitka Training School Average at $92.00.

In Mining Camps like Douglas City & Berners Bay, and fisheries like Saxman

and Tongass Narrows, will also probably have Schools soon, so that for one year an appropriation of $10.000 could be wisely used for education in Alaska

After the necessary buildings are erected, the annual expense need not be great.

By order of the Board

Sheldon Jackson

Secretary

Here follows the tables found on pages 108 – 111 + 112

August 25th

Genl. C. K. Lawson

U. S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

As it takes from two to three months to get returns from Washington, I apply at this early date, through you to the Secretary of the Interior, for permission to be east in October next.

1st By that time the Schools will be in successful operation, and as I am unable to visit them in winter for want of the necessary transportation I can reach them in correspondence as well from Washington as Sitka

2nd As the Territorial Board of

Education, with your approval, are laying up considerable School legislation for the next Congress, I can do your Bureau keep up the routine work of my office and at the same time render you important assistance in securing from Congress attention to Alaska Schools.

3rd You will remember that last Spring, when you kindly recommended to the Honorable, The Secretary of the Interior, an increase of my salary to a full salary that the Secretary insisted that the Presbyterian Board of Missions should continue to pay half of it

Thus as the Government is practically paying for but half of my time, it seems perfectly proper and reasonable that it should allow me to spend the winter in the East, where I can be of service to the Cause of Alaska Education.

4th Benevolent individuals in the East have agreed to pay the expenses

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5th I am some of the Alaskan Children to Eastern Schools and Educating them. They look to me to bring the Children on and see them safely in the School. This is an important Movement for our Educational interests It is uncertain how many will go, but probably from five to eight I have set the time for October, as that is a good time for me to leave, and it is important that the Children should reach their School as early as possible in the School year.

6th The teachers of South Eastern Alaska, believing that I can accomplish more during the Winter at Washington, have prepared a petition to that effect which I enclose with this letter.

6th My aged Mother is very feeble and liable to drop off at any time, and as the public Service does not require my remaining in Sitka, it seems my duty to be where I can be reached by telegraph.

If this request meets with your approval please forward it to the Hon, the Secretary of the Interior, with your recommendation that it be granted.

With great respect, I remain
Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Wm A. Kelly

Chemai Nicola

June 29th For the erection of the Government School House at Killisnoo. Alaska

To Matthew 22 days @ $2	$44.00
" Carl 22 " @ $2	$44.00
" Rudolph 22 " @ $2.50/100	$55.00
" James Shields 22 days @ $4	$88.00
	$231.00

Two hundred and thirty one 00/100

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Lyda L. Mc Avoy

Commissioner.

June 30 For salary as teacher of U.S. Public School, Fort Wrangell at $80 per month.

	For April 1887	$80 00
	" May "	80 00
	" June "	80 00
April 15	To Andrew Schulz for one Cord of wood prepared for the Stove	6 00
" 16	Thomas Wilmore Janitor from Dec 86 to March 87 inclusive @ $2	8.00
June 18	Leila Mc Cormick Janitor, April May & June 87 @ $2	6 00
		$260 00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education August 24th 1887 the above bill was audited and approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Two hundred and sixty, 00/100

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Margaret Powell.

Commencing June

June 30 For Salary as teacher of U. S. Public School No 1. Sitka at a Salary of $80 per month

	For April 1887	$80 00
	" May "	80 00
	" June "	80 00
Dec 24, 1886	G. Sackaloff, janitor from March to December (inclusive) 1886 at $1 42 2/10	10 00
Feb 28, 1887	G. Sackaloff Janitor Jan & Feb 87, @ $2.	4 00
April 5	" " " March	2 00
June 10	" " " April & May @ $2	4 00
Feb 1, 1886	Constantine Schimakoff for sawing one cord of wood for School	1.25
		$261.25

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education August 24th 1887 the above bill was audited & approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Two hundred and sixty one 25/100

Education of Children in Alaska 1888.
Bureau of Education
Charles E. Overend

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August 22. For services as Architect
For plans & specifications for
a School building at Sitka
Alaska. Contract price $2000 $15.00
For plans & specifications
for a School building at Juneau
Alaska. Estimated cost - $2000. $15.00
$30.00

Approved

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education August 22nd the above bill was audited and approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Thirty [illegible]

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Clara A. Nowell
Howkan. Alaska

June 30 For salary as teacher of U. S. Public School at Howkan at $80 per month

For April. 1887		$80 00
" May	"	$80 00
" June	"	$80 00
		$240.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education the above bill was audited and approved. Aug 1st 1887
[illegible]
Secretary.

Two hundred and forty

Sitka Alaska

August 26th 1887

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Office of Judge Dawson at 4 O'Clock P.M. all the members being present.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting [illegible] read & approved.

Judge Dawson Committee on business with reference to Obtaining Attendance reported as follows [illegible]

[illegible] moved the 7th report be received and adopted. [illegible]

[illegible] Mr Moore and the Governor be authorized to have 36 copies of the Rules on Obtaining Attendance printed and a copy furnished to every teacher, Commissioner, Magistrate and Agent Collector in the Territory

The teachers recommended the following salaries for salaries for offices, [illegible] Janitor 10 months $19 - Total $259.00/100

[illegible] approved.

[illegible] authorized to write a plain substitute [illegible] "Resolved that the Board [illegible] believe that the Co[illegible] have the power [illegible].

Mr. [illegible] to see if the Coll[illegible] [illegible].

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Clara A. Gould
Hoonah, Alaska

Commissioner

June 30 For Salary as teacher of K. G.
Public School Hoonah at $60
per month.

For April 1917	$60.00
" May "	60.00
" June "	60.00
June 1916 To Robert Cooke janitor	
from September 1 to April	
1916 inclusive – 8 months a $2	16.00
May & June 1916 – 2 mo. a $1½	3.00
	$259.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education August 26th 1916 by the above bill was audited & approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education

Sat Kipinski
Juneau Alaska

Commissioner

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June 30 For Salary as teacher of
U.S. Public School at Haines
at a Salary of $30 per month

For April 1887	30 00
" May "	30 00
" June "	30 00
	$90 00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
August 27th 1887 the above bill was audited
and approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Number 100

Education, Children in Illinois
Bureau of Education
C. H. Johnston
Superintendent

June 30 For Salary as teacher of the
Public School Kilbourne
at $120 per month
For April 1897 $120.00
" May " $120.00
" " $120.00
$360.00

For a particular of the Expenditure by Education
Account for the 30th day of June above mentioned was audited & approved
Melvin Jackson
Auditor.

Three hundred and sixty

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
L. H. Curri

Commissioner

June 30 For salary as teacher of U. S. Public School at Kalowak at a salary of $150 per month
For May 1887 130 00
" June " 150 00
$280 00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education August 27th 1887 the above bill was audited & approved
Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Commissioner

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education

F. H. Mill
Juneau Alaska

June 30 For Salary as teacher of
U. S. Public School Juneau
at $150 per month.

For April 1897	150 00
" May "	150 00
" June "	150 00
	$450 00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
Juneau 2 July 97 the above bill was audited & approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Four hundred and fifty

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
J. P. Nihl
Juneau Alaska

June 30 For rent of School building
at Juneau Alaska @ $20 pr
Month

For April 1887	20 00
" May "	20 00
" June "	20 00
	$60 00

At a Meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
August 27th the above bill was audited & approved
Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Right Too!

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
John H. Carr

Expense 1887

June 30	For Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School Unalaska at $150 per month	
	For April 1887	150 00
	" May "	150 00
		$300 00

Upon written of the Territorial Board of Education August 25th 1887 the above bill was audited & approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Education of Children in the Territories
Bureau of Education.
Elizabeth Dalton

June 30th For Salary as teacher of N. S.
Metis School No 2, Silka at
a Salary of $30 per Month
For Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. and June 30 10 mos $300.00
Feb 9 " To Edward Janitor for Oct 1 to 31 1.00
" " From Sept 1 to Jan 31 inclusive 3 mos @ $2 6.00
" To Garfield Janitor from Feb 1 to Mar
31 inclusive. 4 months @ $2 8.00
March 4 " To Stuart & Co. 1 Dozen oil cans 2.00
" " To Wm Matthews 40 1 pkg Matches 10 0.50
" " To Wm Smith 10 Bottle Mucilage 5 1 Pencil 10 0.20
" " To Wm Smith 75 1 pkg Matches 10 0.85
$205.75

Also Insertion of the Territorial Board of Education
Time [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Auditor & Comptroller
[illegible]
Secretary.

[illegible]

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Washington, D. C.

Dr. to Mr. Salary as teacher of Native
Public School at Afognak at $[illegible]
per month
For April 1 [illegible] $[illegible] 10
" May " [illegible]
$[illegible] 10

Approved in the Territorial Board of Education
Aug. [illegible] 1907 the above bill was audited & allowed
[illegible]

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Sitka Alaska. August 27. 1

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Office of Judge Dawson at 3 O'Clock P.M, All the Members were present, Also the Hon C. R. Dawson, U.S. Commissioner of Education

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting were read and approved.

Dr Jackson presented the following bills which were audited and approved.

Miss Elizabeth Patton. Sitka No 2. Salary April, May & June $240. Janitor $15. Incidentals $3.75.

Leo B. Johnston Killisnoo. Salary April May & June $300.

A. T. Mile Juneau Salary. April. May & June $300.

L. N. Currie Klawack Salary May & June $210.

Sal Ripinsky Haines Salary April. May & June $90.

James A. Wirtz Afognak Salary April & May $100.

John H. Carr Inga. Salary April & May $200

E. P. White, Juneau, Rent of School building April, May & June $60.

Upon Motion of Dr Jackson, Judge L. L. Williams and Prof Geo B. Johnson of Juneau were authorized to open the bids and contract with the lowest ~~bidder~~ responsible bidder (said bid not to exceed $2000) for the erection completion & painting of School building at Juneau according to the prepared plans & specifications.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

September 3rd

Editor Periodical Accounts.
12 Fetter Lane. London E.C.

Sir

Periodical Accounts (No 355) for June 1867 is received with illustration of Muckaroak Mission party.

If you will please have an electrotype made and mailed to me, I will gladly pay you for it, or exchange other illustrations of the Moravian Missions in Alaska, which you can publish in the "Accounts"

I would like to republish the illustration in the forthcoming report to the Government of Education in Alaska.

Also any other illustrations you may have of the Alaska Missions, please send me — I think I sent you

My official report on "Education in Alaska 1886" If I did not, let me know & I will mail you one.

It has nine illustrations of the Moravian Missions Alaska, and Bro Hartman's journal of Exploration in 1884.

As I may visit Washington to see to the publishing of my report, before an answer to this can reach me, please mail your letter and Electrotype to me at "125 South Hanover Street. Carlisle. Pennsylvania. U. S. A"

Your Brother in Gospel labors

Sheldon Jackson

U. S. Teacher of Alaska.

September 5

Editor of Church Missionary Gleaner
Ch Miss Ho Salisbury Sq London E.C.

Dear Sir

Please mail to me at 125 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, Pennsylvania U.S.A. a copy of each of the Annual letters from Upper Missions in North and North West America.

Also please mail me an electrotype copy or skeleton of the illustration on page 91 of the Gleaner for August 1[illegible] of the "Annalga." I would like it to publish in my next Annual Report to the Government on Education in Alaska.

Also mail me bill for both the above orders. Also please mail me a copy of your annual Report for 1[illegible]

The Roman Catholics have not

sent in by the way of the Chilcat Country
Canada, to the valley of the Upper Yukon river
three priests and two nuns. They will come
in contact with your Missionaries on the
Porcupine and Mackenzie Rivers.

About a year ago Archbishop Seghers
(R.C.) with two priests and an attendant
went into the Yukon valley. The bishop
quarrelled with the Indians around and
was finally shot on the 27th of November by
his own attendant. Mr Fuller who shot
him is now at this place for trial.

It is now known in this Missionary
Board of the Protestant Episcopal Church of
the U.S. through the instrumentality of
Rev Cecil Parker at the mouth of the Yukon
(St Michael) to establish a School, the
Government paying the salary.
This season Rev John W. Chapman has
been sent out to join him and they will
probably establish themselves at Anvik
on the lower Yukon. Mrs Parker then

Children have returned to her friends for the present. Miss Mc Dowell who went with her as assistant died during the winter and her remains were brought back on the ship.

The Mission work in Alaska is moving slowly, but surely. Those of us who have been here from the first, see great changes.

Last month we had the pleasure of a short visit from the Bishop of Rochester Rochester England.

I have asked you to address me at Carlisle Pa, because by the time this letter will reach England, and an answer be returned, I will have started east for the winter

Very Truly Yours in the Gospel work
Sheldon Jackson
United States General Agent of Education
in Alaska.

September 8th

Miss Lydia L. McAvoy
Fort Wrangell

Madam.

As soon as you determine the wisdom and expediency of sending one or more girls at Fort Wrangell to Mrs. Eells school in Olympia, please let me know. Name & age. There will probably be go from Sitka, perhaps more. I now expect to start in November.

The only class I care to take are the healthy ones, & those who show some capacity to become teachers. One whose probable future would be to marry & settle down as a housewife, will receive a better preparation at Sitka than in Mass.

Wish to make the experiment of preparing a few to return & take charge

of Native Schools, I consider a good thing. They will probably remain away at least four years.

It is a good opportunity for the right kind of girls.

The Lord guide you in this matter

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson.

September 8th /

Capt Charles Goodall

San Francisco. Cal

Dear Sir

Some of the Coastiers this season became so interested in the Sitka School that they offered to give some of them a New England Education, if I would bring them East. When I go in East or November.

There will probably be two or three boys and as many girls. The boys can go Sterage, but it will not be safe to send the girls that way.

What will you take them from Sitka to Puget Sound or Portland for? We will probably start east from Tacoma.

Kind Regards to Mrs Goodall. We have had an exceptionally cold & rainy season.

Truly yours

Sheldon Jackson

September 1st 1887

Hon A. P. Swineford
Governor of Alaska

Sir

I have the honor of making the following preliminary report on Education in Alaska for 1886 & 7.

There have been *14 Schools and 14 teachers as follows.

St Michael

Rev Oscar Parker was sent to St Michael by the Episcopal Board of Missions in the summer of 1886 to establish a Contract School

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in that whole region for a School. They propose gathering in as they have opportunity the orphans & waifs from all the tribes, into a boarding and training School.

These children so gathered, will be there most regular in their attendance at, and most benefited by the Government [illegible].

The Census gives Anvik a population of [illegible] but it is central to a region with a population of 6870. It will be a hard struggle to make a start there, but Government aid is well expended in making a centre in that great region.

Bethel. Kuskoquim River

Rev ~~John~~ Wm H. Weinland & wife, & Rev ~~[illegible]~~ Elias C. Hillbuck & wife and Mr ~~[illegible]~~ Hans Jorgensen (Moravians) went to Bethel in the summer of 1885. Mr Jorgensen was accidentally drowned the same season. Messrs Weinland & Hillbuck erected two dwelling houses & a School house & opened a ~~[illegible]~~ School September 1st 1886. with ~~[illegible]~~ six pupils

which increased to 13 in January.

The School is located centrally to a population of 2000. As it is proposed to gather in Orphans & waifs and ~~both~~ both in Industrial Education the School will increase in numbers.

Mr & Mrs Trinland have broken down in health & left the School for the East.

It is now carried on by Mr & Mrs Killbuck. This school counting buildings, running expenses &c has cost the Mission Board $5,088.57 and the Educational Fund $1500 - total $6,088.57

Nushagak.

A School house and residence was erected at this station in the fall of 1886 by Rev Frank E. Wolf (Moravian). He will open his School this present month.

He is assisted by a Miss Huber an accomplished & successful teacher from Penna. The population of the Nushagak valley is 726.

The above three Schools being in natural centres - 500 miles apart, while equal in their School beginnings, are

should be sustained. It is as little as the Government can well do for these people. And if experienced teachers for humanity's sake are willing to exile themselves from all society, (receiving from the outside world once a year) and live in these arctic and inhospitable regions to uplift these poor people, surely the Government can well afford to help them to 1/3 or 1/4 the cost -

Unga

We come now to the Civilized portions of the South west. The population under 21 years of age 74. Total school attendance for Sept 7 - 32. Mr John H. Carr teacher has just lost his wife by death & it is reported that he will himself leave the place - The population at Unga is largely composed of white men married to Russian women. The place greatly needs a good school building.

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Kadiak

Mr. E. Roscoe teacher. Total attendance for 1856-57 — 59. Population under 21. 143. This place needs a good school building.

Afognak

James A. Wirth teacher. Total attendance 30. Population under 21. 146.

The above places with me 1/3 to 1/4 of the Children in School show the necessity of obligatory attendance

At the last two places the Russian priest has done his best to discourage the attendance of the Children — Parents have been told that if they allowed their boys to go to School, that when they could speak English the U. S. Government would put them into the Army & carry them off —

They have also been told that if they allowed their Children to go to School, they would be lost in the next world

Lying has been freely indulged in

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Ketchikan

Sol Kipinsky teacher - attendance 46
Pop under 21. 60.

Juneau

Dr. F. H. White teacher attendance 21. Pop under 21. 245.

Killisnoo

Geo B. Johnston teacher. Atten 125. Pop under 21. 200

Sitka

Misses Powers & Patton teachers - Atten 195
Pop under 21 503.

Fort Wrangell

Miss L. L. McAvoy teacher. Attend 106.
Pop under 21. - 110 - (nearly all in school)

Klawack

L. W. Lawrie teacher, Attend 168 Pop under 21. 132 (Many over 21 attended school)

Howkan

Miss Clara A Gould teacher. Atten 123
Pop under 21 - 144.

~~Tongass~~

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Ingass

A. Layman. drowned in Dec /86

Conals

Rev J. M. McHarland teacher. attend 133.

I look for a great advance in attendance regularity and general efficiency this coming year as the result of obligatory attendance.

Please call attention to our great need of suitable School buildings

With great respect I remain

Yours truly

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Education of Children in Alaska 1888
Bureau of Education
C. H. Johnston
Killisnoo Alaska

Commissioners

Aug	24	[illegible]	15.00
"	24	[illegible]	1.00
"	26	[illegible]	12.00
Sept	3	[illegible]	1.00
"	"	2 Writing [illegible]	7.50
"	"	Drayage 1 ton [illegible]	6.50
Aug	22	To Carl Koehler 1 Coal stove	18.00
"	29	Drayage on Stove $1.00 1 Mirror $3.00	4.00
"	"	1 Coal shovel .40 2 Corkscrews 100 per ea .25	0 65
"	"	1 Corkscrew .25 1 Burnishing Mallet .10	0 35
Sept	5	1 Broom .25 2 Safety valves per stove @ 2.00 1.00	3.75
"	"	3 Lengths Stove pipe @ .80 2 Tin caps @ .25	2.85
"	"	1 Galvanized Pail $1.00 Putting up Stove pipe $1.00	2 00
		1 Wash basin	1.00
			$74 80

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education September 10. 1888 the above bill was audited and approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Education of Children in Alaska

Bureau of Education

John H. Carr.

Unga.

Cure Alaska Commercial Co

310 Sansome St

San Francisco California

Commissioner

June 30 For salary as teacher of U.S.
Public School at Unga at a
salary of $150 per month
For June 1887 $150 00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
Sept 10th 1887 the above bill was audited & approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

One hundred and fifty

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education

Anna M. Hirtle
Afognak
care of Alaska Commercial Co.
310 Sansome St
San Francisco, California

June 30 For Salary as teacher of
U.S. Public School at Afognak
at $50 per month
For June 1887 $50.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
Sept 10th 1887 the above bill was audited and approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Fifty 00/100

4 vouchers

Oct 4th

Dear Bro Currie

Your last two Monthly reports received. They are not in order. One reads "For Month ending July 15th" The Month did not end until July 31st. The other reads "for Month ending August 5th 1887" But the Month did not end until Aug 31st. Make all your Month ly reports for the Calender Months. And if you only taught 5 days during August, ~~only~~ give the attendance for those 5 days in the August report. If each teacher should have a different Month you see how impossible it would be for me to tabulate the returns. Please hereafter confine your ~~only~~ Monthly report to the Calender Month & send it in duplicate. Kind regards to Sheldon

Truly Yours Sheldon Jackson

October 7th

Messrs Tatum & Bowen
91 & 93 Front St. Portland Or

Dear Sir

Your statement of Sept. 1st is received & I return it for explanation. I received and paid your bill of June 16th for $294.37 although a several things are missing.

The invoice of June 27 for $34.46 I know nothing about. Received neither goods or letter of that date.

August 17th received heading for paper $3. which was paid in the bill of June 16th.

August 13th sent you a Check for $240 for the press, which I understand has come, but which has not yet been unpacked I have been

building a printing Office & have not yet unpacked my Material. Perhaps when I come to open out every thing, I may find what I think is missing in the invoice of June 16th.

We hope to get the press under way during the month.

Very Truly Yours

S Meldon Jackson

General Agent.

Oct 8th

Miss Lyda L. McCoy

It gives me great pleasure to forward to you for the use of the Girl's Day School at Wrangell a beautiful flag & cord, the generous gift of Mrs Elliott St. Shepard of New York.

I would suggest that you drape it on the wall back of your desk in the School room.

You will please write her a letter of thanks & mail it to me to be forwarded to her.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Miss Ida M. Rogers.	Sitka Industrial School
Miss M. Powell.	" School No 1
Miss V. Pakle	" " " 2
Geo B. Johnston	Juneau
Dr H. H. White	Haines
Rev L. H. Currie	Kennack
Miss C. A. Good	Hoonkah

Oct 8th

Mrs Elliott F. Shepard
New York

Dear Friend

The last Steamer brought a box containing 15 beautiful flags. Those for the Schools in Sitka were given out immediately. Those for the other Schools in South East Alaska will be sent by this Mail & those for Western Alaska some time within a month.

One Acknowledgement was received this morning, which I enclose.

Others will be forwarded from time to time as they are received.

I know the gift will gladden many little hearts and help kindle a love of country, concerning which heretofore they have known little or nothing.

I now expect to leave here in November, and reach New York the last of the Month or the first of Dec.

It has been decided that three girls and two boys accompany me. Possibly one or two others may be added to the number before I leave —

The girls are Flora Campbell, Minnie Shutter and Florence Travers; the boys are Hiram Phillips & Fred.

The Storm weather has continued much of the time since you were here

The new Carpenter Shop, Printing office, and Boot & Shoe Shop is done & we have named it "Elliott F Shepard Industrial Building"

Please remember me very kindly to Col Shepard & the Children, also to your Nephew & niece when you see them

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska 1888
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson

For services as General Agent
of Education in Alaska at a
Salary of $1200 per annum
For September 1887 — 97.50

Commissions

July	5	25 sacks of Coal for Office of Genl Agt @ 30 cents	7.50
Aug	19	12 Days board on U.S. Pinta @ $3	36.00
July	21	Freight on 1/10 tons Coal @ $7	7.70
"	25	Freight on 4000 feet of lumber for building at Killisnoo @ $7	28.00
"	27	197 lbs of Coal for Office of Genl Agt @ 1/2 ct	1.97
Aug	15	1 Coal hod $1.50 1 Ash Shovel .25	2.00
"	"	1 Lamp $2.25 1 Coal oil can .75	3.00
"	"	1 Case Coal oil	3.50
Sept	2	To Margaret Purple for Cleaning School house No 1, Sitka	1.50
Sept	3	3 Tons of Coal for School No 2, Sitka @ $10	30.00
"	"	1/10 Cord of wood @ $5	31
"	"	62 Coal Sacks @ 5 cts	3.10

For U. S. School No 1 Sitka

"	" 1/8 Cord of wood @ $5.	.62
"	5 3 Tons of Coal @ $10.	31.10
"	" 62 Coal Sacks @ 5 cts	3.10
"	7 Freight on the 6 of 1/4 ton @ $8	2.00
	" 1 Case Coal oil for Fort Wrangell School	4.50
	" 2 " " " " Klawack @ $4.50	9.00
	" For printing 50 Copies of Rules on Obligatory attendance @ 15 cts	7.50
		$287.12

At a Meeting of the Territorial Board of Education Sept 30, 1887 the above bill was audited & approved

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Two hundred and eighty seven 02/100

Sheldon Jackson

Oct 14th

Hon. T. R. Dawson
U.S. Com. of Education

Sir

In posting the accounts of the Office, I regret to find that the item of janitor's Bill for Sitka School No 2 Miss Patten teacher from Oct 6 to Jan inclusive has been charged twice.

It was sent in and paid in the Quarterly account ending March 31st 1887. It was again sent in, audited and approved by the Board of Education August 27th 1887.

The mistake occurred in this way Miss Patten sent in duplicate vouchers and neglected to mark one set as duplicate.

In making up her quarterly account (she having left at the close of the term

been married) I found these vouchers and put them in, without referring to the pass bills as I should

I will see that the same thing does not happen again.

As soon as I can reach this Fallon she will return the money, if the duplication is not discovered at the time, and the payment stopped.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Indian Office

Oct 15th

Mr Chas H. Mills
10 California St. S. F. Cal

Dear Sir

Yours of Aug 9th is received. I wish you would make a definite proposition for the next two years. And then I will see if the Bureau will allow it.

During 1887-8 there will be six schools in the district mentioned in my letter of August 23rd. If the appropriation for 1888 & 9 will allow perhaps six more will be established making for 1888-9 eleven in all. If the system gets started & works well, at the end of two years I will be able to secure you better terms. Please send me your lowest figure for me a two years

Truly Yours
J. Sheldon Jackson
Special Agt.

Oct 17th /

Rev J. L. Gurd Knight D.D.
Covington O

Dear Brother

I wrote you a hasty note last week by return of steamer.

Since I met you in Chicago the Government has organized a Territorial Board of Education, so that we I am only one of three to appoint here.

However I still think that I can secure the appointment of a good teacher from your denomination for the year 1858 & 9. The Congressional appropriation for schools for 1857 & 8 is all provided mainly to schools & teachers previously started. We are starting new men this year, & consequently I can do nothing in the field

indicated

before next Spring, and only there in order to get ready for the school year commencing Sept. 1888.

Your teacher will probably be needed for a new school to be opened on some leading village on Cook's Inlet.

He will perhaps need to sail from San Francisco about May 10th

He must be prepared to rough it. He will have communication with the outside world but once or twice during the year, & that in summer.

He pays his own travelling expenses unless his Church, Mission Board or friends pay them; the Government does not.

The Gov't will build or rent and furnish the school building & supply the school with books, fuel & lights.

The salary this year is $1200. and will probably be the same next year.

I shall be glad to hear from you again

Neat handwriting. Intelligent face. Good teacher. Excellent recommendations. Good address. Good manner. Good health. Good character.

Oct. 15th /

Miss Kate A. Rankin

Your welcome letter of Aug 20th came by last mail.

I enclose you an Alaskan of Sept 3rd with Pres Butler's denial of the report of the San Francisco Chronicle

All the money that was collected for the Carpenter Shop & Sewing Room on the Olympian on that trip was placed in Mr Butler's hands. and we are looking for the supplies next Steamer.

Mr Butler is a friend to the Mission & a personal friend to myself & has been used in a false light by a lying reporter.

Now as to work in Alaska & there are no openings at present. The Girl Scouts are all supplied, And Alas the Mission Schools so far as the Board seems willing

to supply workers -

San Raphael Cal is a beautiful place and I think you would like the work there

The work here is moving on in the usual way. As soon as the lumber arrives, we will build a good Girl's School building on the old Hospital lot, next to the Priest's House -

Kind regards to any Kennedy friends you may meet -

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

November 4 7

Hon N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Comr of Education

Dear Sir

The inclosed bills of Mr Karl Koch of Juneau, and Mr George Dickinson of Haines belong to the account of the unexpended ballance of 1884. of fund for Education of Children in Alaska.

The want of mail facilities has made the delay in sending them in

These bills were brought before the Territorial Board of Education. The Board took the position, that as the bills were contracted before the Board was in existence, that the Board had no jurisdiction, but that the bills should be rendered as others were last year - Consequently they are sent in in the form in which bills were sent in before the organization of the Board.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Nov 4th /

Hon A. H. R. Dawson
U.S. Comr of Education

Dear Sir

The Steamship Ancon is due, and I am getting my monthly mail in shape. School matters are moving with their usual regularity. Mr Overend and the school boys are now putting up the rafters of the Sitka school building. They are pushing it just as rapidly as possible considering the almost continuous rain storms & gales of wind. I have never seen anything like it in my whole Alaskan experience. About a week ago we had a gale that blew down gates & fences all over the village. Since you were here the school boys have erected two little cottages for the boys, on the Mission grounds & a neat gothic chapel

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near Gov Swineford's residence on the corner of the parade ground.

The School paper "North Star" has at last started & I mail you a copy. Until the boys learn to set type we have arranged for the printing with Mr Kensaly. By the way Mr Kelly has placed Frank (the white boy, who built your fires) in the printing office to learn to set type. We are hoping to hear from you concerning the sending of two boys to Carlisle School to learn printing & tin smithing

When I come east Mr Kelly wishes to send four girls & two boys.

The Schools are moving along so smoothly that I hope to leave here by the Idaho on the 8th, which will bring me to Washington somewhere between the Middle of Dec and early in January. The Children often speak of you, & want to know if I do not think you will come again sometime

Please remember me to Percy & the friends in the Office. Very truly Yours Sheldon Jackson.

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
G. Dickinson
Haines Mission
Juneau Alaska

Commissioner

March 20th	Freight on School Supplies for Haines (110 miles by Canoe)		
	1 Case of books	5 freight @ $1.11 1/9	5.55 5/9
	1 Chair	7 " "	7.77 7/9
	1 bbl glass ware	7 " "	7.77 7/9
	1 Box	5 " "	5.55 5/9
	1 Case Coal oil	3 " "	3.33 3/9
March 21, 1887.	For Sawing 10 cords of wood @ 75 cts		7.50
			$37.50

Thirty Seven 50/100

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Education
Office of the General Agent of Education in Alaska
Sitka, Alaska June 30th 1887

To the Territorial Board of Education

Sirs

In accordance with the recent regulations received from the Hon. N. H. R. Dawson U. S. Commissioner of Education I have the honor to send you my second Annual report as General Agent of Education in Alaska.

This report covers the period from July 1st 1886 to June 30th 1887.

But few of the friends of Alaskan education, outside of her borders, realize that this Territory is without roads, horses, or railroads, and much the larger portion without steamers or other means of regular communication with the outside world.

A monthly line of mail steamers reaches Sitka and a few points in Southeastern Alaska, and that is all. And when tourists make the grand excursion to Alaska, they only sail among the islands in one small corner of the country.

The great mainland of Alaska with its smoking volcanoes, mammoth hot springs, lofty mountains, largest glaciers, grandest

rivers, wildest scenery, teeming animal life and strangest natural phenomena, unvisited and unknown, stretches away for thousand miles beyond them.

And not only is Alaska largely cut off from the outside world, but in a certain sense it is cut off from itself; that is, there are no public means of ~~public~~ intercommunication between its widely-separated sections. The private steamers of the Alaska Commercial Company, a few whaling vessels, an occasional trading schooner, and the revenue marine steamer on their annual cruize to Bering Sea are the only vessels seen in its waters, and they only for a few months in summer.

When therefore the United States Government was led to undertake the establishment of public schools in Alaska, it was met at once with the difficulty of transportation. This proved so serious that the Government was compelled to be content the first year with taking charge of the schools in Southeastern Alaska, previously established by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. The only exceptions were the schools at Unalaska and on the Kuskokwim River.

Very unexpectedly a teacher was able to reach the former on a steamer chartered for another purpose. To reach the latter

the Moravian Church who took the Contract for Conducting the School, Chartered a Schooner at San Francisco, which conveyed the teacher & this party four thousand four hundred and seventy nine miles to the mouth of the river. The Material for the houses, School Supplies, & supplies for the household were then transferred to bow boats, which carried them to their destination, 150 miles up the river. The same vessel that conveyed the teacher, carried the lumber & hardware ~~necessary~~ for the necessary buildings, the family furniture, the School appliances and provisions for twelve months.

They left San Francisco on the 3rd of May 1885 and it was the Middle of the following August before all the building material reached its destination at Bethel. This was the Moravian party of Rev & Mrs Wm H. Weinland, Rev & Mrs John H. Hillbuck and Mr Hans Egeler.

When therefore in 1885 the responsibility of establishing Schools in all sections of Alaska was placed upon the U. S. Commissioner of Education, he was greatly embarrassed by his inability to secure reliable & explicit information concerning the educational needs of the villages of Civilized Creoles, Aleuts & Esquimos in Southern & Southwestern Alaska

Inquiries were made to & instructions

received from the Hamaatte, the Secretary of the Navy, directing the Commanding Officer of the U.S. S. Pinta to take the General Agent on a trip of inspection along the Coast.

A Combination of circumstances prevented the Ship from making the trip

It was then decided that the only practical way of securing the information absolute necessary for the intelligent action of the government, was to send a special vessel under the control of the General Agent.

Nothing could be done however until the amount of the appropriation for 1886-7 should be known. The appropriation was not made until the 4th of August 1886.

Immediately upon the passage of the bill I was authorized to charter the Schooner Leo and by September 3rd teachers had been summoned from Texas, California & Washington Territory, the vessel loaded with lumber for the School houses, family furniture & supplies, & we were on our way to sea.

The Cruize proved a stormy one, occupying 104 days Passing through the equinoctial storms, we encountered the early winter gales of that high northern latitude

The boys attend School in the forenoon & the girls in the afternoon. The instruction is mainly in the Russian language.

The public School maintained in 1885-6 had been discontinued.

The appropriation of Congress was made so late in the Summer that there was no opportunity of communicating with the teacher. The teaching nothing from the Bureau with reference to continuing another year took passage upon the revenue steamer, on the close of her Summer cruise, and left the country. The desks & School supplies were removed to Unga.

The Greek Church has 16 general holidays and 200 minor ones during the year, which are celebrated more or less by the Aleuts. These numerous holidays prove a serious hinderance in securing regular attendance at School.

Passing out of the beautiful harbor of Unalaska four days brought us by the magnificent

smoking volcanoes of Shishaldin & Pavoloff to Belcofsky the centre of the sea-otter fur trade.

This place with its white houses crowning a high bluff, presents a very pleasant appearance from the sea. It has a population of 213 Aleutes & Creoles, of whom 91 are under 21 years of age. The Greek Church keeps a female school with an attendance of 16 at the time of our visit. The teaching is in Russian with the exception of two afternoons in the week, when a Creole teaches in broken English. We were importuned to establish a good government school, but the appropriation was too small.

From thence we sailed to Unga, the centre of the cod fisheries of the North Pacific. Unga has the largest American population of any village in Western Alaska and a greater appreciation of the value of a good school. It has 74 children under 21 years of age.

At every station visited the Agents and Employees of the Alaska Commercial Company

without an exception gave us their hearty cooperation & all the assistance in their power towards the establishment of their schools. At two of the stations they supplied the buildings necessary for the schools free of rent and at one of them furnished the teachers with their household supplies ~~also~~ on the same terms as other agents. Without these facilities it would have been almost impossible to have established the schools in that section.

From Tenakee eight days driving before the storm brought us to Klawock, one of the principal settlements on Prince of Wales Island. It was not purposed to establish a new school at this point, but finding that the Salmon Cannery & Saw mill had closed for the season & the female members of the people left for their winter villages Tuyekan with the full consent of the teacher, Prof. H. Harris, I took him & his family to Tuyekan and temporarily established the school at that point. In the spring when the people returned to Klawock for work the school was removed to that point, where it now is.

Sailing thence Land-speed four days brings us to Sitka, the Capital of the Territory with its two good day schools, and ~~[illegible]~~

Industrial Training School.

~~From Sitka we sail~~ At Sitka taking on board the Governor and his interpreter we sailed to Killisnoo, where was landed lumber & materials for a new school building.

Calls were made and schools inspected at Cornwall, Juneau, Wrangell & Tongass.

Mr & Mrs Sheldon Jackson with their furniture & school supplies were removed from Fort Tongass, and finally we shipped another lot to Sitka. Prof. Sheldon on the 10th of December and the Memorable voyage of the first load of school teachers for Alaska was at an end.

All the objects of the trip were secured.

Condition of the Schools

Sitka. In pursuance of the plan of the U.S. Commissioner of Education to establish schools in at least a few of the leading centres of the Territory (as the amount appropriated was not sufficient to do more) Correspondence was had with the Mission Board of Protestant Episcopal Church with reference to the establishment of a public school in the valley of the Sitkan River.

Owing to the impossibility of getting the necessary supplies into Sitka before the first January, it was finally arranged that the school might temporarily be located at

at Stellichan on the Coast. Accordingly on the 1st day of July 1884 a contract for the establishment of such a school was entered into between the Hon John Ewart, M.A., Commissioner of Education and Dr Wm S. Langford Secretary of the P.E. Mission Board.

Rev Octavius Parker of Oregon was appointed teacher. From a correspondence between Dr Langford & the Alaska Commercial Co, the former was led to believe, that although there were few scholars at Stellichan, yet they would be able to provide for the teacher.

Upon Mr Parker's arrival at his destination he found to his great disappointment, that although the agent of the Company did even this in his power for him, even to sharing his own residence, yet the quarters were so uncomfortable that it was with great discomfort that his own family could get along & that there was no possible place for holding a school.

To add to his difficulties the priest of the Greek Church, who had previously been living in the Yukon valley, moved to St Michael and opened a school teaching the Russian language. This Church school while doing nothing for the children, has, through misrepresentation & prejudice, kept them away from the Government school.

Mr Parker however taught a few pupils

time to time in his own sitting room.

He has now purchased a building at Unik on the Yukon River, where he will open a school next September with Rev John H. Chapman as assistant. Although there are two teachers the Government pays but one salary.

This school met with a great loss last winter in the death of Mrs McDowell, who had accompanied Prof Parker as an assistant.

Bethel. At this point 150 miles up the Kuskokwim river from Bering Sea school was opened on the 8th of September with six pupils — 4 boys & 2 girls — of these three boys ~~two~~ were boarding pupils, living in the teacher's family. This number gradually increased until he had an attendance of 13. The migratory habits of the people after food, and the custom of the whole family accompanying the man & father greatly interferes with the attendance on school. The few children who did attend were found to be willing & apt scholars and made as good progress as could be expected in a strange language. The boys are taught & required to do their own washing, ironing & cooking. As the children have never been accustomed to any restraint, the school hours have been broken up as much as possible. The school day consists of two hours in the forenoon, two in the afternoon

And are in the Evening. Outside of these hours they Cut & Split wood, wash, iron, Cook and do Chores. Good buildings were erected at the expense of the Moravian Church and the foundations of an Industrial Training School are being wisely laid. During the last two years there has been a great scarcity of food in the valley of the ~~Yukon~~ Kuskokwim, which has interfered with School operations, but it is thought that a sufficient supply can be secured this season, which will enable the teachers to receive all the pupils that shall offer.

There are twenty two regular villages on the river with a population of 2600.

On the coldest day last winter the thermometer recorded ~~[illegible]~~ 44° below zero as over against 50° below during the winter of 1888-9. I regret to say that owing to illness in his family & hemorrhages of the lungs himself Prof Weintland has been compelled to leave the field and return to Pennsylvania.

The School will be carried on by Mr & Mrs John H. Kilbuck experienced teachers from Kansas. They have been in the ~~[illegible]~~ work at that place, for the past two years & have made considerable progress in mastering the native language.

Nushagak. During the Summer of 1886 Rev Frank E. Wolff of Wisconsin was sent out by the Moravian Church to erect a

teacher's residence & school house at Unalaska at the mouth of the Unalaska River, Bering Sea. After the erection of the residence, he returned east for the winter. On the 12th of May last accompanied by his family & child Mary Cuber he sailed from San Francisco to open a Government School at Unalaska. Miss Huber is a teacher from Pennsylvania of large experience & great success, who resigned her ~~the~~ ~~government~~ position in a prominent Ladies' Seminary in order to enter the Alaska work. At this school, as at the others, the government pays but one salary.

These three schools, 800 miles from each other & central to a population of from 1000 to 2000 uncivilized natives, should by all means be sustained. They are the entering wedges to the civilization of that whole great region - the beginning of better things. And the trained men and cultivated women, who are willing to exile themselves from the world, endure the rigors of an arctic climate, battle continuously with cruel superstitions & filthy customs, and work with a barbarous, degraded and dirty people in their zeal to educate, civilize and

lift up the Child population & transform them into useful Citizens are worthy of full sympathy, hearty cooperation & a generous support.

Unga. This is the Chief sea port and village on the Shumagin Islands. School opened on the first day of December 1886 with Prof & Mrs John H. Carr of Washington Terr teachers.

The only place that could be obtained for the School was a small & uncomfortable room 22 x 9½ feet. Into this, the Children were crowded so closely, that they could not leave their seats for recitation! A commodious School house is a pressing necessity. The progress of the pupils has been as gratifying as it was unexpected. Towards the close of the school year the Russo-Greek Church established a School in this village & sought to draw the Children away from the Government School but without success.

The Russian School like the majority of their Schools in Alaska is mainly taught in the Russian language & the scholars are largely in the liturgy & Catechism of the Church. This School met with a great loss in the death of Mrs Carr on the 18th of June. By her sweet disposition as well as skill in teaching

She had secured the affections of her pupils to an unusual degree.

Kadiak This school was kept in a Cooper Shop, which was fitted up & kindly tendered to the Government by the Alaska Commercial Co. While it was a generous act on the part of the Company for which the Bureau of Education should render them thanks, yet it is not to the credit of a great Government that they must be dependent on private parties for buildings in which to hold their schools.

A good substantial school building is greatly needed at Kadiak.

The pupils manifested a great fondness for and excelled in writing & drawing, but with a few exceptions were dull in Arithmetic. In addition to the ordinary day school, Prof Roscoe held an evening school for working men who could not attend during the day. And Mrs Roscoe an afternoon school for married women

Strenuous efforts were made upon the part of some to discourage the attendance of the children and a strong prejudice manifested itself against the children being taught English But notwithstanding the opposition 59 pupils were enrolled during the year

Over against these discouragements there were some encouraging examples of unusual eagerness to secure the advantages of a good school.

One family over 80 miles away by sea, reading in a stray copy of a San Francisco paper that a public school was to be established at Kadiak, broke up housekeeping and the mother & two grown daughters moved to Kadiak to attend school, reaching there six months in advance of the teacher.

Another family consisting of a mother and five children on their way to school were shipwrecked and lost. There is no doubt that there are many families ready to make great personal sacrifices to secure educational advantages.

Prof Rosove has made good progress in learning the Russian language spoken by the pupils of his school. As he becomes more & more proficient in it, he will be more & more successful in teaching them English.

<u>Afognak</u>. This school has met the usual difficulties encountered in all the schools among the Aleuts & Creole population. The people in language and skill are in sympathy & feeling are Russian. They are taught in some cases to believe that the American occupation is but temporary and that Russia will again come into

possession. Many of them look upon the Americans as barbarians & do not allow their Children to learn English. In some cases an effort has been made to frighten them by the manipulated Scrip interest by telling them that as soon as their boys learned English the Government would draft them into the army & carry them off no one knows where.

The School at Afognak had the further difficulty that there was no interpreter to be had, as at Kadiak & Unga. Or any Children of American fathers as a nucleus for the School.

Neither parents or Children have any idea of the necessity of application or the importance of the advantages offered them by the School.

Then the building used for the School, the only one suitable that could be rented in the Community was too far one side to accomodate the people. Notwithstanding these & other hindrances, a good School was maintained and the Children that attended with any degree of regularity made good progress. They excel in Music, writing & drawing.

The Murder of Mr B. G. McSnyder, the Gen'l Agent of the Alaska Commercial Co at Kadiak was a great blow to the School. He had great influence among the people of the Islands, and had actively interested himself in behalf of the Schools.

Prof James A. Hill, who has natural gifts in acquiring language, being able to speak several European languages, is making rapid progress in learning the Kalaiai which is the language of his district.

The private building occupied by the School is inconvenient & unsuited for the purpose, & a comfortable building should be erected at once in a central location.

Trains. Owing to the infrequency of communication (this School being 100 miles from a post office) it was not for some work after school should have commenced that I received the resignation of Miss Hannah M. Dickinson as teacher and it was several weeks after her successor was appointed before he could reach the place.

The school was opened in January by Mr Solomon Ripinsky with a good attendance. The average continued large until April, when the parents, hiring as packers to the Miners going into the Interior, took their Children home with them.

This greatly diminished the attendance during the Spring months.

Through the Courtesy of Rev Eugene Stillman, in Charge of the Presbyterian Mission, second building, stoves &c were furnished the School Dec

Bureau. Dr H. H. Waite in taking charge of this important school at the commencement of the year, at once proceeded to systematize & organize it.

The school opened with a good attendance of American & Creole Children, the natives being largely away from home procuring their winter supply of food. But as the natives returned to their houses, the attendance of their children steadily increased throughout the winter until Spring, when they went off to gain for food. As the attendance of the native children increased, that of the Americans & Creoles fell off. It was the old story of mixed schools. The appropriation allowed of but one teacher ~~at a time~~ & consequently there could be but the one school. In 1856 the attendance was largely Creole, in 1857 it was largely native.

The advanced classes finished their geography and made satisfactory progress in Mr. Fisher's Physiology & Hygiene & Willson's little Moralist & practical.

It was a notable fact that the first & second Chiefs of the whole tribe were at times daily attendants & their children among the most regular of the pupils.

Sitka being the largest & most important settlement in Alaska should have a good substantial school building & separate school

for the whites & natives.

Killisnoo. This school has had to continue in common with the others with irregular attendance. Mr Johnson speaks appreciatively of the progress to learn manifested by the Creole pupils.

At the commencement of the school year lumber & materials were procured to erect the much needed school house, but difficulties arising with the and to the location, the erection of the building was delayed until this summer. This is the first school building erected by the government in Alaska.

Sitka. The two ~~schools~~ government schools at the Capital of the Territory are housed in buildings that a thrifty farmer would not consider comfortable enough for his cattle. They also have to contend with irregularity of attendance, especially in the school for natives.

Miss Powell reports the rapid advancement of the Creole pupils & the qualifying progress they are making in learning the English language.

If suitable buildings can be erected this claim fall, the usefulness of these schools will be greatly increased.

Arch. Wrangell. This district of the schools in South Eastern Alaska has had a most successful year.

The School year opened with 45 pupils & steadily increased to 112. It can truly be called the holy alot School. Among the pupils were representatives of 13 tribes, Americans & the following half bloods French & Sitkin, & Sitkin, American & Sitkin, American & Russian Creole. American & Alaskan Creole, American & Hydah, Scotch & Kanagah, & Norwegian & Tartar

With regard to the intellectual capacity of the full & half bloods, Miss McAvoy reports that while the half bloods learn more easily the full bloods master their studies more thoroughly That while the half bloods are more nimble in brain, the full bloods have quite as much of it. And that the full bloods learn to speak better english than the half bloods.

She also reports the great interest her children have taken in the Child's Health Primer & the Hygiene for young people.

The School has been kept in a room in the old hospital The roof leaks, the water pours in around the windows & the floor of the front porch has rotted away & partly fallen in

If the School is to be kept in the same place another season, the building should be extensively repaired

<u>Kadiack</u> This is a new station, the School being established for the first

last winter. The School was first commenced at Tugwikan, where with commendable heroism, Mr & Mrs Currie had volunteered to go. As no white man had ever resided in the village, there was no suitable dwelling to be had & the teacher was compelled to occupy a portion of one of the native houses. ~~[illegible]~~ This was a plank building about 30 feet square with a rotten bark roof. Through the cracks of the plank floor the surf could be seen at high tide dashing under the building.

The house was constructed after the native fashion all in one room - Entering the door steps led down two feet to a plank platform 7½ feet wide, which extended around the four sides of the room. From the platform steps descended three feet to the lower floor which formed a pit 21 by 22 feet in extent.

In the centre of this pit a space 8 feet square had been left unplanked. This was the fire place. In the roof directly over the fire place, a similar opening had been left for the escape of so much of the smoke as had not previously escaped through the cracks of the sides of the building. Through this same hole in the roof the rain descended in sufficient quantities to put out the fire.

On the platform opposite the door was

a small room 15½ by 6½ feet used as a bed & store room. The hole in the floor was roughly boarded up. ~~The platform on two sides~~ and a large box stove placed in the pit, which became the school room. Posts were erected at each corner of the pit & sheeting stretched across curtaining off the platforms on two sides of the building. ~~On these platforms were cots~~ These platforms thus curtained off became the residence of the teacher. The native with his family of six occupied the other two platforms.

Into this dilapidated & uncomfortable building this cultured family ~~moved with out a murmur~~ in their zeal to lift up this poor people moved without a murmur.

In the spring Mr Currie with his family removed to Kalawao, leaving the old building to be had, an unfinished board shanty erected out of refuse lumber.

Notwithstanding all these discomforts & hinderances, he had a very large school, his total enrollment for the whole year being 154. The best work however can not be expected until the teacher has a comfortable building in which to house his school.

Honokau This school has continued to send in its good monthly reports

The temporary shanty, which for

years past has been used for the School, during a heavy snow storm last winter, was crushed and now the School is sheltless.

In some respects the Haydahs are considered the best people on the North Pacific Coast and immediate steps should be taken to erect a School house suitable for this important Haydah Centre.

Tongass In southeastern Alaska are the three small villages of Port Tongass, Cape Fox & Scowlo, neither of them with a population sufficient to justify the expense of a School, and yet if united would form the nucleus of a good School.

To secure such a School the leading men of the three villages have agreed to leave their old settlements & together build a new one.

In the hope that the united village would be located at Loring, Prof. A. Saymans of Western Pa was sent to that place.

Finding but few people there, (work for the Lumber hands closed at the Salmon Cannery) it was thought advisable that for the winter at least he should teach the School at Tongass.

During the Christmas holidays Prof. Saymans accompanied by Mr Louis Paul a native Missionary & another native started to visit Port Chester, a place

that had been mentioned as a suitable location for the new village. The party was lost at sea. When they did not return two search parties were sent out, who found the canoe broken on the rocks, the bodies of the men were never recovered. This sad event closed the School.

It is now more than probable that Port Clarke will be settled this summer by a colony of Christianized & Civilized natives from Metlakahtla led by Mr Mc Duncan. If this proves to be the case, it will make a centre around which the scattered population can cluster & secure good school facilities.

The above schools furnish the following statistics ~~of attendance~~.

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Attendance.

	Bethel	Unga	Kadiak	Hoonah	Haines	Hoonah	Juneau	Killisnoo	Sitka No 1	Sitka No 2	Tenakell	Klawack	Hunter
Total	7					14	22	58	42	42	80		62
Average	7					9	16	18	37	28	45		19
Total	7	24	32	30		29	26	46	55	43	89		68
Average	7	20	18	18		17	14	16	51	23	54		25
Total	11	24	30	30			36	47	53	70	87	124	73
Average	10	20	20	16		45	13	21	49	27	51	40	47
Total	11	24	30	18			45	47	52	60	67	124	96
Average	10	22	14	13		70	12	21	46	19	54	42	64
Total	13	23	21	16	35		54	35	48	56	73	36	96
Average	9	19	10	13	33	49	13	14	44	24	47	26	53
Total	12	25	35	16	42		90	31	47	55	77		76
Average	9	23	15	11	40	40	18	14	43	25	46		37
Total	11	29	37	14	46	38	93	36	45	56	48		66
Average	8	24	18	10	43	24	14	10	38	23	34		35
Total	10	28	35	15	46		68	39	49	50	40	90	51
Average	8	19	13	9	31		15	16	38	23	30	39	23
Total		25	33	13	15		59	26	44	41	36	60	53
Average		19	16	7	9		12	14	41	10	28	36	23
Total		25	29	10	20		23	28	41	13	30	58	28
Average		19	18	6	17		8	12	37	10	25	38	18
Total		26										66	
Average		20										29	
Total												46	
Average												20	
Total Enrollment for the year	13	35	59	35	46	150	236	125	60	138	100	184	123
Total Number of Children		74	143	146	60		245	200	[illegible]	503			134

February January December November October
April March
May
June
August July

NUMBER IN SUNDRY BRANCHES OF STUDY.

	Primary Charts.	1st and 2d Readers.	3d and 4th Readers.	Spelling.	English Language Lessons.	Geography.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Temperance Hygiene.	U. S. History.	Writing.	Use of Tools.	Sewing.	Other Studies.	No of Classes taught per day
Unga	6	27		19		8	17		17		3		20				24
Kodiak	32	20	7	59	59	7	59		59		7		59	59			4
Afognak	14	10		10		14	14		14				14			14	2
Kaiuis	32	2	13	13	13	9	14		14				12	4	3	1	10
Unalaska	76	13		8		2	32			7			93				12
Killisnoo	29	6	4	8	4	4	4		34				5				12
Sitka 1	1	30	18	49	18	18	49		49	49	49	4	49		23		20
Sitka 2	29	19	2	50	50	7	50		50	50	50		50		12	50	
Wrangle		22	18	40	17	14	30		40		19	2	40		12	26	12
Klawack	23	43		66			43		43				43	43	23		4
Hoonah	24	42	12	6	32	12	35	26	78	26	26		78				16

Church and Private Schools

In addition to the above, Schools have been in operation on each of the Seal Islands St Paul and St George supported by the Alaska Commercial Co. The Russian-Greek Church have had small Schools at Unalaska, Belkofsky Kadiak & Sitka in which the principal teaching has been the liturgy & Catechism of the Church in the Russian language.

In the Sitka School we have the strange sight of the Thlingets Children being taught in Russian instead of English.

At Sitka there has been a School under the Auspices of the Roman Catholic Church and at Sitka an Industrial Training School under the Control of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions assisted by the Indian Bureau.

Although applied for I have failed to receive the Statistics of the Russian & Roman Catholic Schools.

The Sitka Industrial Training School with its large & commodious buildings and teaching force of 13 persons, is the best equipped School in the Territory.

The two principal industries at present taught the boys are Carpentering & Blacksmiting. The institution is also furnished with tools for boot & shoe making & a press & complete outfit for a printing office.

During the present Summer the Elliott F. Shepard Industrial Building has been erected, furnishing accomodations for the Carpenter Shop, Wood Carving, Boot & Shoe room & Printing Office. A hospital building has also been erected in connection with the School.

Mr Edwin Hale Abbott of Milwaukee has generously offered to found a department of Wood Carving & Weaving, in which the native population excel.

The attendance has averaged 60

As the boys & girls are clothed, fed, lodged and taught at the institution, they are continuously under the influence of the teachers and the best results are secured —

The School is under the Management of Prof Wm A. Kelly, assisted by Rev Alonzo E. Austin Chaplain. Mrs A. E. Austin Matron of the Boys' Home Miss A. K. Nelson Matron of the Girls' Home. Miss Ida M Rogers teacher in the School room. Mrs Susan L. Winans teacher in Sewing room. Miss Virginia M. Parke teacher in the Laundry Mrs Charles E. Overend teacher in the Kitchen Mr C. E. Overend teacher in the Carpenter Shop and Mr Joel Liberty teacher in the Blacksmith Shop.

Instructions to Teachers

At the opening of the School year the following Circular letter was sent to the teachers

Department of the Interior. Bureau of Education
Office of General Agent of Education in Alaska
Sitka Alaska. September 1st 1911

— — — —

You have received a Commission as teacher of the Government School at — — —

You will of course give it your whole time and strength. There is much scepticism and some opposition in public sentiment and Government Circles concerning the practicability of educating the Children of Alaska.

The success or failure of your school will help confirm or dissipate this feeling.

You will bear in mind therefore that the Schools of Alaska are on trial - that the eyes of the Country are upon you, and the future of the Alaska Schools in your keeping. The faithful discharge of your duties will not only promote the interests of the pupils immediately under your charge, but also help secure the same advantages for others who are now without school privileges. To assist you in having a model school you are furnished with the most approved books on teaching. You are also furnished as far as possible with the usual appliances of a well equipped school.

If you find anything lacking you are expected to write for it to the General Agent, Bureau of Education Washington D.C.

It is the purpose of the Government in establishing schools in Alaska to train up English Speaking American Citizens. You will therefore teach in English and give special prominence to instruction in the English language. When the pupils have made sufficient progress in the English language, you are expected to give special instruction in Civil Government & the duties and privileges of Citizenship.

It is also the purpose of the Government,

as far as possible, to combine industrial with literary training in the day school — to educate the hand & eye as well as the mind.

Therefore in arranging a schedule of exercises for the school room you will provide for a half hour for drawing on two afternoons a week (one hour per week). You will also provide the same for instruction in the use of tools & sewing; the half hour of the remaining or 5th afternoon of each week being given to composition and recitations.

For instruction in the use of tools, you have been furnished with a chest of the more common tools used by carpenters. You will take pains to acquaint the boys with the name & use of the tools, and familiarize them with the handling & care of them.

It is not the purpose to teach them a trade, but to cultivate the hand & eye to accurate movements & make the pupils "handy with tools". While the boys are engaged with tools, your wife is expected to take the girls into your kitchen or sitting room & give them practical instruction in the name & use of the various household utensils, the necessity of airing beds & the proper making up of the same; the neat arrangement & care of rooms, and plain sewing & knitting. Needles & thread for these lessons can be purchased by you

and the bill for the same sent to me.)

If the Children need dresses, aprons or under clothing, encourage them to bring the cloth to the sewing room, where the teacher can instruct them how to cut & make. Also encourage them to bring their mending to the school, requiring in all cases that the garments shall be washed clean. In this class it will be well to give instruction in dressing & undressing. Also encourage the Mothers of the Children to attend these classes.

Government schools in the United States are necessarily unsectarian and teachers will be properly avoid denominational instruction in the day schools. But as morality & godliness are the foundation of good citizenship and are so held by Protestant, Roman and Greek Churches alike, your teaching should be pervaded with the Spirit of the Bible — a training of the heart & moral faculties as well as the mind & body.

In the Creole & Aleutian settlements special pains should be taken to secure the hearty cooperation of the priest & leaders of the Greek Church. Encourage them & the parents of the Children to frequently visit the School & witness the progress of the Children.

It will also help popularize the School to give exhibitions of recitations & singing

during the long winter evenings.

Congress at its last session made it obligatory upon all teachers in Government employ to give regular instruction on "the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants & narcotics upon the human system" You will therefore so arrange your programme of recitations as to give every child in school a thorough drill in the Health primer which is furnished you. Next season if you apply for it, I will furnish you a more advanced book on the same subject. As drunkenness is very prevalent at times in some of the Alaskan villages you will give special attention to so training your pupils that they may be saved from this vice.

As a matter of course you will require all pupils in the school room to have clean hands & face & neatly combed hair You will also urge neatness in clothing It may be well for you to have a wash bowl, pitcher, comb & looking glass & towels as a part of the school furniture.

I regret to say that the appropriation made by Congress for the Alaska Schools is so small that the Commissioner of Education can not carry out at present his plan of erecting model school buildings; and as a result you will be compelled to utilize

inconvenient school rooms & give more than ordinary attention to ventilation, also to some simple gymnastic or calisthenic exercises.

You will be held pecuniarily responsible for all books, pencils, crayons, tools &c furnished your school. Until the same shall be turned over to your successor and duly receipted for.

If slates become broken or books worn out do not throw them away until they can be counted by a Government inspector.

No school requisite, books, slates, tools, needles, thread &c are to be loaned out, or removed from the building. If pupils wish to take books to their homes at night they must buy them of the trader.

To this end it will be well to encourage the trader to keep a small stock of school books slates, pencils &c for sale.

You will take special pains to see that all Government property is so distinctly marked that it can not be mixed up with similar property purchased at the store.

In the final accounting all loss or misuse of Government property will be deducted from your salary. Please write the name of your school on the label furnished you, & then paste on the inside of the cover of each Government book in your possession. Labels for this purpose will be furnished

you upon application to the General Agent.

A School day consists of six hours — usually from 9 to 12 O'clock A.M. and 1 to 4 P.M. with a short intermission forenoon & afternoon. A School week is 5 days, and a School year 10 months of 4 weeks each.

You will enter the name of each pupil entering the School upon the Register furnished you. You will also keep an accurate register of the daily attendance.

At the close of each lunar month you will make out in duplicate a Monthly Report in these blanks furnished you.

MONTHLY SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of the United States Public School at ....., *Alaska,*

for the month of ....., *188*....

Total number of children from 6 to 14 years of age in the community, ...

Total number of children from 14 to 21 years of age in the community, ...

Total number of pupils enrolled from the commencement of the school year, ...

Total number of pupils enrolled during the month, ...

Total number of classes taught daily, ...

Number of new pupils received during the month, ...

Average daily attendance during the month, ...

MONTHLY RECORD OF ENROLLMENT.

	American.	Creole.	Native.	Aleut.	Eskimo.	Total.
Boys						
Girls						
Adults						
Total						

NUMBER IN SUNDRY BRANCHES OF STUDY.

	Primary Charts.	1st and 2d Readers.	3d and 4th Readers.	Spelling.	English Language Lessons.	Geography.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Temperance Hygiene.	U. S. History.	Writing.	Use of Tools.	Sewing.	Other Studies.
Boys																
Girls																
Adults																
Total																

I, _____, hereby certify that I have taught the Public School at _____, Alaska, _____ days, during the month of _____ 188___, and that the above is a correct report.

Dated _____, *188*___ _____

Teacher.

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When made out the duplicate reports will be mailed in an official envelope upon the first opportunity to the General Agent.

These reports are to be made out upon the first day of each month whether there is an opportunity of mailing them or not.

Upon the first of March each year you will make out in duplicate an inventory of all government property in your possession and mail the same to the General Agent upon the first opportunity.

At the close of the school year you will make out in duplicate an annual report of the school & mail the same to the General Agent.

On the first of March each year you

will make out in duplicate & mail to the General Agent a list of all school supplies needed for the coming year.

No purchase of supplies at the local stores for the schools are allowed unless a written permit is given by the Commissioner of Education or the General Agent.

Supplies of fuel & coal oil for the schools are authorized & can be purchased at the local store. The trader will send the bill for the same made out on Government Blanks in triplicate & duly signed to the General Agent to be transmitted to Washington for payment.

Any suggestions that you think will add to the greater efficiency of the schools will be thankfully received by the General Agent.

Wishing you great success in your efforts to educate & uplift the children of Alaska I remain

Yours truly

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

During my trip last fall along the coast of Southern Alaska to Bering Sea I procured a complete census of the Aleuts, Eskimo and Creole population from Kadiak to the end of the Aleutian Islands.

Last Winter the teachers of Southeastern Alaska took a census of their respective villages. These statistics are embodied in the following table.

NAME OF VILLAGE.	Adults.		Minors, Under 21.		Total Adults.	Total Children.	Total Population.
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.			
Afognak	101	74	81	65	175	146	321
Akhiok	31	26	31	17	57	48	105
Akutan	25	18	19	17	43	36	79
Atkha	81	90	16	25	171	41	212
Attoo	41	51	27	34	92	61	153
Avatanok	4	9	4	3	13	7	20
Ayakhatalik	57	42	39	33	99	72	171
Belkovsky	57	55	42	49	112	91	203
Borka	25	21	19	16	46	35	81
Chernovsky	20	13	11	29	33	40	73
Douglass and Kukak	23	17	16	20	40	36	76
Kadiak	100	80	75	68	180	143	323
Kaguiak	27	32	27	18	59	45	104
Karluk	58	53	62	56	111	118	229
Katmai	49	33	39	32	82	71	153
Killuda	11	7	11	4	18	15	33
Korovinsky	9	10	10	4	19	14	33
Koshigin	12	6	10	14	18	24	42
Makushin	10	11	11	15	21	26	47
Morshevoi	32	21	21	18	53	39	92
Nikolaievsky	5	12	14	7	17	21	38
Oganok	17	18	13	14	35	27	62
Old Harbor	48	34	41	25	82	66	148
Orlova	43	37	31	51	80	82	162
Spruce Island	40	38	4	14	78	18	96
Umnak	27	33	30	29	60	59	119
Unalashka	117	91	70	62	208	132	340
Unga	34	33	36	38	67	74	141
Vosnessensky	10	10	5	7	20	12	32
Wood Island	41	34	31	19	75	50	125
Totals	1,155	1,009	846	803	2,164	1,649	3,813
Haines	41	52	31	29	90	60	150
Juneau	413	202	131	114	615	245	860
Douglass City	387	146	69	88	533	157	690
Killisnoo	210	150	100	100	350	200	550
Sitka	390	388	266	247	778	503	1281
Tuxikan	58	57	76	56	115	132	247
Hawkan	81	60	62	72	141	134	275
Total	2725	2104	1571	1509	4889	3080	7969

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The following persons have been employed and paid from the School fund.

Melvin Jackson	General Agent	Sitka	$1200
Clarence Parker	Teacher	St Michael	$10 School per month
Wm C. Minland	"	Bethel	$150.
John H. Carr	"	Unga	$150
W. E. Roscoe	"	Kodiak	$150
James A. Wirth	"	Afognak	$50
Salomon Rijinsky	"	Kaiuco	$30
J. F. White	"	Unalaska	$150
Marion Murphy	"	"	$40
Leo B. Johnston	"	Tillisuco	$120
Margaret Powell	"	Sitka	$80
Elizabeth Patton	"	"	$80
Lydia L. McIlroy	"	Mangell	$80
L. M. Currie	"	Klawack	$150
Clara A. Gould	"	Howkan	$80
S. A. Saymau	"	Longass	$150
E. Sokloff	Janitor	Sitka 1	$2
Edward (Sept to Jan)	"	Sitka 2	$2
Garfield (Feb to June)	"	"	$2
Flora Kook Sept to March	"	Mangell	$2
Celia McCormick (Apr to June)	"	"	$2
J. C. Charles Sept to Feb	"	Howkan	$2
Benj John March	"	"	$2
J. B. Skultka Apr & May	"	"	$1.50
Alfred Skili June	"	"	$1.50

No official course of study has been marked out for the various schools. The experience of the two years during which public schools have been in operation & the experience of the Mission schools for nearly 12 years have demonstrated the fact that it would not be wise to hamper the teachers with a course of study that would not fit the surroundings of the school. Attendance is so irregular, the pupils of such different ages (from 6 to 60) with such varying aptitudes for acquiring the English language and all ages in the primary grades that a uniform plan would be impossible. It must be left necessarily to the tact & originality of the teacher.

Irregular Attendance.

The reports of the Reverend teachers during the year are burdened with with complaints of irregular attendance & of their inability to secure the best results from their teaching because of this irregularity. The New Board of Education has taken this matter in hand & it is hoped that something may be accomplished next year in securing a more regular attendance of the pupils.

The appropriation of Congress for the Education of Children in Alaska without distinction of race was only $15000.

If the Schools had been dependent

upon that alone, either one half of them must have had to be closed, or all of them closed up at the end of six months. Fortunately there was an unexpended ballance of 1884 which was available. The aggregate expense of running the schools the past year has been $20000. In the appropriation for 1887-8 the sum of $25000 has been granted. As it is very essential that the number of schools should be increased & buildings erected at the more important points, I would urgently recommend that the appropriation for 1888-9 be increased to $50,000.

Every publication which helps make Alaska known to the outside world either directly or indirectly helps the school work. Among the popular works on Alaska published in recent years are the following

"Life in Alaska" by Mrs Eugene S. Willard 384 pp. Illustrated. Pub by Presbyterian Board of Publication 1324 Chestnut St Philadelphia $1.25

"Among the Alaskans" by Mrs Julia McNair Wright pp 351. Illustrated. Pub by Presbyterian Board of Publication. Phila. $1.25

"A Trip to Alaska" by George Wardman 225 pp. Pub by Samuel Carson & Co 3 Sansome St San Francisco $1.25

"Our New Alaska" by Charles Hallock pp 200. Illustrated. Pub by Forest & Stream 39 Park Row

New York. $1.50.

"Alaska & Missions on the North Pacific Coast" by Sheldon Jackson D.D. pp 400. Illustrated Published by Dodd. Mead & Co 755 Broadway New York $1.50.

"Alaska. Its Southern Coast & the Silkan Archipelago" by E. Rukamah Scidmore pp 333 Published by D. Lothrop & Co. Boston

"Along Alaska's Great River" by Frederick Schwatka pp 310 Illustrated Pub by Cassell & Co Limited 739 Broadway New York

"History of Alaska" 1730-1885 by Hubert Howe Bancroft. pp 775. Pub by A.L. Bancroft & Co. San Francisco.

"Our Arctic Province" by Henry W. Elliott pp 473. Illustrated. Pub by Charles Scribner's Sons New York.

"Alaska & its resources" by Wm H. Dall pp 627. Illustrated Pub by

"Travel & adventure in the Territory of Alaska" by Frederick Whymper pp 353 Illustrated. Pub by Harper & Brothers.

"Report of the Expedition to Point Barrow Alaska" by Lieut P.H. Ray pp 695. Illustrated Government Printing Office

"Pacific Coast Pilot Alaska Part 1" pp 333. U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey $2.

"Report on the Population, Industries & Resources of Alaska" by Ivan Petroff. pp 169.

Illustrated. Government Printing Office.

"Report on Seal Islands" by Henry W. Elliott pp 188. Illustrated. Government Printing Office.

"Alaska & its people" by Capt G. W. Baile pp 52. Government Printing Office.

"Education in Alaska 1884" by Sheldon Jackson D.D. pp 28. Illustrated Government Printing Office

"Education in Alaska 1886" ~~pp 38.~~ by Sheldon Jackson D.D. pp 88. Illustrated Government Printing Office.

"The Cruise of the U.S. Rev Str Corwin in the Arctic Ocean 1881" by Capt C. L. Hooper pp 148. Illustrated. Government Printing Office.

"Alaska Coast Pilot. Appendix 1 Meteorology" by Wm H. Dall. Government Printing Office.

Last winter at the request of the Hon. M. H. R. Dawson, U. S. Commissioner of Education to give him in writing an outline of an Educational system for Alaska, I presented him with the following paper

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Education
Office of General Agent of Education in Alaska
Sitka Alaska 1887

To the Hon M. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

Two years ago the honorable, the Secretary of the Interior devolved upon the Commissioner of Education the work of creating a school system for Alaska, putting it in operation & carrying it on.

It was a work of great magnitude, on a new & untried field, & with unknown difficulties. It was a work so unlike any other, that the experience of the past in other departments could not be the sole guide.

It was a problem peculiar to itself & must be worked out by & for itself.

An extract the field covered an area almost equal to one sixth of the United States.

The schools to be established must be from 400 to 6000 miles from headquarters & from 100 to 1000 miles from each other, & that in

an inaccessible country, only one small corner of which has any public means of intercommunication

It was to establish schools taught in English among a people the larger number of whom do not speak or understand the English language. It was to instruct a people, the greater portion of whom are uncivilized — and who, therefore need side by side with the usual school drill, instruction in Mechanical handicraft, Carpentering & other industries.

It was the instruction of a people, who, while in the main are only partially civilized, yet have a future before them as American Citizens

It was the establishment of schools in a country where not only the school house, but also the teacher's residence must be erected & a portion of the material transported from 1500 to 4500 miles.

From the nature & extent of the work, it was apparent at the beginning that it could not be wholly carried on from the office at Washington & the Commissioner very wisely appointed a General Agent to reside in the field & supervise the work.

It is now equally apparent from the actual experience of two years in the work that the General Agent should have his headquarters at the Bureau in Washington.

Accounts.

In the formation of the plans for the work, it was wisely arranged that all payment of teachers salaries, school supplies & other expenditures should be by the Disbursing Clerk of the Department of the Interior, upon vouchers certified to & approved in Washington.

That this may be done intelligently & economically requires the presence of a competent person, who is acquainted with the circumstances of each field & gives special attention to the accounts.

The Alaska schools has added much new work to the Bureau of Education during the past two years & will add greatly more in the near future.

Teachers.

From the nature of the case the supply of teachers for some years to come must be drawn largely from the States. As it is a long & expensive trip to the teacher, great care should be exercised in the selection. A mistake in this direction will cost a large sum of money & in the more distant & out of the way places a year of time, during which great harm may be done. The selection of suitable teachers, therefore, becomes a question of much importance & grave responsibility. This can not be as well done by the Agent in Alaska, who would be dependent on an investigation correspondence,

as if his Office was where the teachers could be reached and seen.

Buildings

Again, in the location of new schools recommended by the Superintendent on the field, the Commissioner, who with his many other responsibilities, has not had the time or opportunity to make himself fully acquainted with the field and the relative importance of the several sections, will feel the need of counsel with one who is thoroughly conversant with the subject & has timed as a special job to keep up with the constant changes.

Again the Superintendent on the field leads to the Commissioner a requisition & recommendation for a certain amount for the erection of school buildings at certain places — or the leasing of buildings for school purposes. If the Commissioner has one in his office who can furnish him all the necessary information as to the character of the buildings required, and what amounts are required for those localities, he will be able to make wiser & more intelligent decisions & the money will go more than pay the salary of the agent.

Supplies

Also, from the nature of the case, all supplies, materials for buildings, school furniture, books

Supplies must be purchased largely from the States and it is matter of economy both in time & money to have in close communication with the Commissioner on account. When duty it is to keep informed of the Market-Prices, & direct the purchases.

Washington the Centre.

Then again, from want of communication between the Eastern & Western sections of Alaska an agent at Washington has facilities for directing the work in this terra incognita that cannot be possessed by a Superintendent at Sitka. This centering of information at Washington & greater facility of communication with all portions of the field caused a change in the plans of the Indian Bureau similar to that projected for the Bureau of Education.

Originally the Superintendent of Indian Schools lived in the West among the schools, but it was found so essential for him to be in Washington a portion of the time, that after a trial of two or three years the office was changed from the field to Washington.

This office has had very much the same experience. After seven or eight months work on the field, the necessities of the case recalled the General Agent to Washington to look after matters there.

Thus the same person had to perform the

work necessary to be done both at headquarters and on the field. But with the Council's supervision of the work this can no longer be done to advantage. It must be divided.

There should be Competent Superintendents on the field & a Competent Agent in the Bureau of Education.

And as it is hoped that this important work is to be extended under our administration I feel that it is an appropriate time to call your attention to these considerations & if it meets with your approval to recommend that you authorize the following Changes to meet the growing necessities & increase the efficiency of the Alaska School work.

School Districts

1st The division of Alaska into three School Districts with the appointment of a District Superintendent of Schools over each.

Alaska is so peculiarly situated that the school systems of other States & territories cannot be successfully applied without great modifications. It is without roads, horses, or boats passing from one section to another.

A Superintendent of Schools at Sitka is shut up to South Eastern Alaska.

If he wishes to visit the Kodiak District he can accomplish it, only by going to San Francisco one thousand seven hundred and

eighty four miles, then wait in some manner from one to six months for a chance steamer or sailing vessel (Four or three vessels sail at irregular intervals during the summer between San Francisco & Kadiak) consequently about two thousand five hundred miles to Kadiak, a total distance of over four thousand miles. Practically the same distance are traversed if Unalaska is the destination. Can this condition continue long in time. In the absence of all means of intercommunication between the different posts of Alaska, in order to secure a proper supervision & control, a division of the field into three sections becomes an absolute necessity.

These divisions would be Sitka, Kadiak & Unalaska.

The Sitka division comprising all southeastern Alaska would contain an area of 28980 square miles, or a region as large as the combined states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut & New Jersey.

The Kadiak division comprising the region from Mount St Elias westward to Zakharoff Bay with the adjacent islands would contain an area of 70784 square miles or a region as large as the United States of Indiana & Kentucky.

The Unalaska division comprising

the region from Lakhardt Bay westward the end of the Aleutian Islands and N. Eastward to the Arctic ocean, would contain an area of 431-5245 Square Miles, or a region as large as the combined States of West Virginia, North & South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee & Kentucky.

From Sitka the Division Superintendent can reach some of the Schools of South Eastern Alaska by the Monthly Mail Steamer and others during the Summer months by Canoe.

Kadiak is the Commercial Centre for Cook's Inlet, Prince William Sound, & adjacent regions. It is the headquarters for the Alaska Commercial Co for the same district, in which they have sixteen trading posts. The small Schooners which ply between Kadiak & these trading Stations will furnish cheap & convenient transportation for the Superintendent of the Kadiak division to the Schools of his district.

A similar state of things exist at Unalaska. It is the headquarters for the Alaska Commercial Co for the Shumagin and Aleutian Islands & for Behring Sea. And the vessels that carry in the merchandise & bring out the furs from the trading posts, supply the necessary

facilities for the superintendent of that district to visit the schools under his charge.

Until the annual appropriations for Education in Alaska are much larger than they now are, and the schools more numerous the work of district supervision will not require the entire time of a man. Consequently for the next few years it will be possible to combine the offices of teacher & superintendent.

A first class gentleman teacher, with a lady assistant to take charge of the school when he is absent on official duty, can do the work of superintendence at a cost not to exceed $250 (Travelling Expenses) over & above his salary as teacher. The honor of the position will compensate for the additional labor.

2nd. I would further suggest that the Governor of the Territory and the Judge of the U.S. District Court be invited to act with the Superintendent as an advisory Committee; that in the Kadiak & Unalaska Divisions the School Committees consist of the Superintendent, the Deputy Collector of Customs & the U.S. Commissioner.

The Superintendents are to visit the schools in their respective divisions, keep the General Agent informed of the progress & condition of the schools & with the advisory Committee recommend the location of new schools, superintend the erection and

repair of school buildings, and make such suggestions to the General Agent as may seem important for the welfare of the schools.

3rd The transfer of the Office of the General Agent of Education in Alaska from Sitka to Washington to perform the following duties under the direction of the Commissioner of Education

(a) With reference to Schools

Consult the Commissioner concerning

the location of new schools, the lease of school buildings, architects' plans for school buildings, arrange for the erection of school buildings, repairs of school buildings, materials for erection of same, school furniture, books, charts, fuel &c &c.

Provide blanks for school reports, receive & supervise the accounts, vouchers &c

(b) With reference to teachers

Attend to the securing of teachers, examine teachers' certificates, applications & testimonials, recommend the appointment and receive the resignation of teachers. Receive and examine monthly school reports, audit the accounts of teachers, provide for their prompt payment, conduct the correspondence with superintendents & teachers

(c) With reference to the Office

Attend to the Alaska Correspondence

take care of the Alaska files. Keep the Comm'r silver informed of the Condition of the "Alaska fund" and furnish Alaska information

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

On the 15th of June 1887 the Hon L. Q. C. Lamar, Secretary of the Interior, created a *Territorial Board of Education for Alaska consisting of Gov A. P. Swineford, Judge Lafayette Dawson of the U.S. District Court of Alaska, and Dr Sheldon Jackson the U. S. General Agent of Education in Alaska. To each member of the above Board were transmitted a copy of the following letters, laws & regulations.

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*The Board of Education met & organized at Sitka on the 14th day of July 1887. Judge Lafayette Dawson was chosen Chairman & Dr Sheldon Jackson Secretary.

By virtue of the power conferred upon the Secretary of the Interior by the act of Congress of May 17, 1884, authorizing him to make needful and proper provision for the education of children of school age in the Territory of Alaska, without reference to race, until such time as permanent provision shall be made for the same, the following rules and regulations for the government of the public schools in Alaska are hereby promulgated:

I.—General management.

Section 1. The general supervision and management of public education in Alaska is hereby committed to the Commissioner of Education, subject to the direction and control of the Secretary of the Interior.

Sec. 2. There is hereby organized in the Territory of Alaska a board to be known as the Territorial Board of Education, to whom shall be committed the local management of the schools in that Territory, subject to the general management and supervision of the Commissioner of Education.

The governor of the Territory, the judge of the United States court for the time being, and the general agent of education in Alaska shall constitute this Board of Education, and the general agent shall be secretary of said board and shall keep a record of its proceedings.

Sec. 3. The regular meetings of the Board of Education shall be held, at such times as said board may appoint, in the town of Sitka, in said Territory.

Sec. 4. The Territorial Board of Education shall have power, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education—

(*a*) To select and appoint the teachers of the public schools, to prescribe their duties, and to fix their salaries;

(*b*) To provide general rules for the government of the schools and the attendance of the children;

(*c*) To prescribe the series of text-books to be used in the public schools and to require all teaching to be done in the English language;

(*d*) To select the location and supervise the erection of the school-houses, to provide plans for the same, and to lease houses for school purposes.

Sec. 5. Requisitions for all materials for the erection of school buildings, articles of school furniture, supplies of books, stationery, and other necessary materials for the use of the schools must be made by the Territorial Board of Education upon the Commissioner of Education, and when such requisitions are approved by the Commissioner they will be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval, and, when approved by him, the supplies will be purchased by the Commissioner of Education, and paid for as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 6. The Board of Education, at least three months in advance of the close of the scholastic year, shall submit to the Commissioner of Education detailed estimates of the probable necessary expenses for the support of the Territorial schools for the next fiscal year, including therein the erection of school buildings, the pay of school officers and teachers and other employés, traveling expenses of the general agent and the district superintendents, rents, fuel and lights, furniture, school books, apparatus, and all other necessary expenses for the maintenance of the schools.

Sec. 7. All salaries, expenditures, and other claims for the payment of educational expenses in Alaska must be audited by the Territorial Board of Education, approved by the Commissioner of Education, and, when approved by him, transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval, and when so approved, will be paid out of the funds appropriated by Congress for the education of the children of the Territory.

Sec. 8. In cases of special emergency the Board of Education may incur expenditures for immediate necessary school purposes in advance of the approval of the Commissioner of Education, but such liabilities shall be only for unforeseen and necessary purposes, and shall in no case exceed $100.

Sec. 9. Whenever such extraordinary expense is incurred the Board shall make an immediate report thereon, in writing, to the Commissioner of Education, setting forth the reasons for incurring said expense, and transmitting properly signed and audited vouchers for the payment thereof.

Sec. 10. In the preparation of estimates, vouchers, and other official forms and papers the blanks approved by the Treasury and Interior Department, will be used by the Board of Education.

Sec. 11. For his services each member of the Territorial Board of Education hereby established shall receive the sum of $200 per annum.

Sec. 12. At the close of the school year the Territorial Board shall make a report to the Commissioner of Education, transmitting the hereinafter-mentioned report of the general agent, and containing their opinions and recommendations respecting the subjects thereof, and such other topics as shall be deemed by them proper for the general welfare of education in Alaska.

II.—The general agent.

Section 1. A superintendent of education, to be known as the general agent of education in Alaska, shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and shall hold the position during the pleasure of the Secretary, and until his successor is appointed.

He shall receive from the Government for his services as general agent an annual salary of $1,200.

Sec. 2. The general agent of education shall reside at Sitka, and shall be provided with an office, with the necessary furniture, stationery, fuel, and lights. He shall not leave the Territory without the written permission of the Secretary of the Interior.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the general agent to exercise general supervision and superintendence over the public schools and teachers in the Territory, subject to the approval of the Territorial Board of Education.

Sec. 4. He shall visit each school district and each school in the district of Sitka at least once a year. He may, once a year, in each district, hold a teachers' association, at such time and place as in his judgment will best promote the interests of the public schools. The schools in the district of Sitka shall be under his immediate supervision.

Sec. 5. The general agent shall make a report at the end of the school year to the Territorial Board of Education, which report shall embrace—

(*a*) The number and general condition of the schools in the Territory.

(*b*) The rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Education for the government of the schools and the duties of the teachers.

(*c*) The number of children between the ages of six and twenty-one years in the Territory, the number of children attending the public schools, the number attending other schools, and the number not attending any school.

(*d*) The names, ages, residence of the teachers and other officers employed in the schools, and the amount of their respective salaries.

(*e*) The time spent by the general agent in the Territory and the time spent by him in visiting the schools.

(*f*) And any and all information and suggestions that may be useful for the advancement of education in the Territory, or that may be required by the Commissioner of Education.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the general agent to keep an inventory of school books, school furniture, and other property received by him from the Government, and at the end of his term of office he shall deliver to his successor all of the books and papers of his office, taking a receipt therefor.

III.—SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

The Territory of Alaska is divided into three school districts, which shall conform to the geographical divisions known as Sitka, Kadiak, and Unalashka, as follows:

SECTION 1. Sitka, comprising all Southeastern Alaska, with an area of 28,980 square miles.

SEC. 2. Kadiak, comprising the region from Mount Saint Elias westward to Zakharoff Bay, with an area of 70,884 square miles.

SEC. 3. Unalashka, comprising the region from Zakharoff Bay westward to the end of Aleutian Islands, and northward to the Arctic Ocean, with an area of 431,545 square miles.

SEC. 4. In the districts of Kadiak and Unalashka the district superintendent, the United States deputy collector of customs, and the United States commissioner at Kadiak and Unalashka shall constitute and are hereby appointed a school committee The supervision of the schools in these districts shall be under these committees, and all reports of the progress and condition of the schools, with recommendations for the location of new schools, and for the erection and repair of school buildings, shall be made to the general agent by said committees, and for their services as members of such committees the deputy collectors and commissioners shall be allowed $100 each per annum.

SEC. 5. In each of these two last-named districts or divisions the Territorial Board of Education shall appoint one of the teachers to act as district superintendent. These superintendents shall visit the schools of their districts at least once a year, and keep the general agent informed of their condition and wants as to school buildings, the manner in which the teachers perform their duties, and all reports shall be made to the general agent by the superintendents through the committees of their districts. The district superintendent, in addition to his salary as teacher, shall be paid the sum of $200, which shall be in full payment of his services and traveling expenses as such superintendent.

SEC. 6. The children shall be taught in the English language, and the use of school books printed in any foreign language will not be allowed. The purpose of the Government is to make citizens of these people by educating them in our customs, methods, and language. The children are primarily to be taught to speak, read, and write the English language. Vocal music may also be taught in the schools.

SEC. 7. The Sitka training school should teach the primary branches of industrial education. The boys should be taught shoemaking, carpenter and cabinet work, printing, and such other trades as are of use in the Territory, while the girls should be instructed in intelligent housekeeping and household industries.

SEC. 8. A common school should be established in every settlement where there are children in sufficient number, and at least one school in every tribe of Indians or native settlement.

Comfortable school houses must be provided. These schools must be open to all children without reference to race.

L. Q. C. LAMAR,
Secretary of the Interior.

I would recommend the following additions to and modifications of the School laws.

1st That as the new rules & regulations look to Obligatory School attendance, that the Board of Education be authorized to employ a special policeman to enforce attendance at each settlement where a public School exists and at which there is no other policeman to perform the duty, said policeman to be paid from the Educational fund.

2nd That the supervision of the schools of the Territory be divided into the Eastern and Western divisions.

Further I would recommend that legislation be asked from Congress ~~appropriating~~ setting apart 1/4th of the ~~revenues~~ gross revenues of Alaska annually as a fund for the Education of the Children of Alaska without distinction of race.

In the Western States & Territories Congress has granted Sections 16 & 36 in each township for the purpose of being applied to Schools in said States & Territories.

In Alaska the lands are unsurveyed and when in course of time the general land laws are extended over it, the Nature of the Country ~~will prevent~~ ~~and the Circle will prevent the~~ and the requirements of the population will prevent the laying out the land to any great extent in Sections of a Mile Square.

While no School fund is practicable in years from the lands, the General Government derives a regular revenue from the Seal Islands & other Sources, ~~which~~

a portion, which can be used in the place of the proceeds of the sale of school lands.

The present method of supporting the schools by an annual appropriation prevents the feeling of permanency. A failure on the part of Congress any one year to make provision for the support of the schools, ~~would~~ will close them up, causing a loss of public property and a serious drawback to the success of the schools.

HENRY E. HAYDON,
Clerk, Ex-Officio Secretary
and Treasurer.

District of Alaska,

CLERK'S OFFICE,

Sitka, Nov 17th, 1887

To the commissioner of Education
Washington

Sir

We have the honor to transmit to you the report of the Educational Agent for Alaska. with our approval, except the recommendation on page 5-7 and recommend the following.

District of Alaska,

JUDGES' CHAMBERS,

Sitka, ..., 188.

We object to the recommendation in the report of the Educational agent ~~report~~ on page 57 ~~and think~~ of division of the District being unnecessary - that it would only complicate and retard the Educational interests of Alaska.

But we would recommend one superintendent for the whole District at a salary of not less than twenty five hundred dollars per annum and that he be compelled to remain in the Territory. and give his undivided personal attention to the government schools.

The Eastern division shall comprise South Eastern Alaska and the Western division the remainder of the Territory

That a Superintendent of public instruction be appointed by the Sec'd, Commissioner of Education for each of these divisions

That the Superintendent of the Eastern division shall have his headquarters at Sitka and be ex officio Secretary of the Board of Education

That the Superintendent of the Western division shall have his office at the Bureau of Education Washington and spend that portion of the year, in which vessels are plying between the different ports of Western Alaska, in visiting the schools in his district.

This division of the superintendence is rendered necessary

(a) Because there is no means of transportation between Eastern & Western Alaska The one section is reached by sea from Puget Sound, & the other section by sea from San Francisco. This is such a barrier to jurisdiction that although the civil government has been in existence over three years, not one of the Civil Officials has been able to visit any portion of the Territory outside of South Eastern Alaska, except the Commissioner of Education and he only succeeded in

chartering a special vessel. There have been several murders in Northwestern Alaska, but the guilty parties are at large because the Court has no means of reaching them.

(b) This division is rendered necessary by Section 4 of Rules & Regulations, which directs that "the General Agent shall visit each school district & each school in the district at least once a year"

This is a physical impossibility. With the present means of communication no one person can visit each school in the territory once during the same year. If he gives his attention to the schools in S.E. Alaska, he cannot reach those in Western Alaska the same season. And vice versa, if he attempts to visit the schools in Western Alaska it will keep him away from S.E. Alaska the entire season. At the forming state of the schools, it is important that a second visit should be made, but this can not be accomplished by a subdivision.

3rd I would again renew my recommendation that the Commrs. of the Bureau of the Interior be requested to ask Congress for $50,000 for the school fund for the year ending June 30th 1895.

4th I would further recommend

that the annual reports of the several teachers, the special report of Miss Alice E. Fletcher to the Commissioner of Indians on the need of schools in Western States, and the proceedings of the Civilization Board of Education be printed in the appendix to this report.

I remain with great respect
Your obt. Svt.
Francis Walker
Commissioner Indian Affairs.
Hon. Hiram Price.

May 18th 8

London Hardware Co

Seattle W. Terr

Dear Sir

Please send me without fail by return steamer Arcon the following things

1 — 12 inch pulley, 8 inch face bored for 2 inch shaft ~~gag~~ guage

30 feet 1/2 inch gas pipe
30 feet 3/4 " " "
30 feet 1 1/4 " " "
3 — 1 1/4 " T.s
6 — 1 1/4 " Elbows
6 — 1/2 " "
6 — 3/4 " "
4 — 1/2 " Unions
4 — 3/4 " "

Injector to feed boiler 1/2 inch delivery pipe (Do not send an inspirator for the injector.) It is for a 9 Horse power vertical boiler to a steam engine.

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18 feet 10 inch pipe made of No 18 iron to be cut, punched and rolled. Send rivets (This is to top out the smoke stack). Mark the goods to the Mission School Sitka Alaska - Send bill of lading to me See that they are securely packed or fastened together. The P.C.S. Co's are very careless in handling their freight

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

May 23rd 1888

Lieut Comdr Newell U.S.N.
Comdg Officer U.S.S. Pinta
Sitka Alaska

Dear Sir

Upon applying to Capt Emory for permission to accompany the U.S.S. Thetis to Western Alaska, I was respectfully referred to you as the ranking officer in these waters and the proper person to apply to.

My instructions from the Hon Secretary of the Interior and my official duties contemplate a personal visit once a year to each school in Alaska including the six Government schools in Western Alaska.

As you know, there is no way by which I can visit the latter schools unless I am permitted to accompany

some government vessel, that may be sent to cruise in those waters.

As I have not been able to visit the schools in Western Alaska for two years past (for want of transportation) and will not have another opportunity for some months to come, I would respectfully ask permission to accompany the U. S. S. Thetis.

I have understood for the past year that when the Thetis went to Western Alaska any of the Government officials, whose duty required them to go, would be allowed transportation

As late as last February Governor Swineford informed me that he had given in my name, as among those of the civil officers whom it was desirable should go.

Supposing that no further action was

necessary on my part, I did not, as I now see I should have done, have the Commissioner of Education apply through the Secretary of the Interior, to the Hon Secretary of the Navy, for transportation

However as an indication of what the Hon Secretary of the Navy, would have done, if the Commissioner of Education had made the request, I enclose you a copy of a letter of the Hon Sec of the Navy written under similar circumstances to the Comdg Officer of the U.S.S. Pinta

It is upon your files, but my copy will prevent the necessity of looking it up - When you have looked it over, please return it to me.

Awaiting an early reply, I remain
Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Special Agent.

(Copy) Navy Department
Washington 24th April 1885

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 20th instant, enclosing a despatch from the Commissioner of Education, in which he requests that a passage in the Pinta may be furnished Dr Sheldon Jackson, the General Agent of Education for Alaska, to certain points in that Territory and to inform you that orders have this day been issued authorizing the Commanding Officer of the Pinta to comply with the request should he find it practicable to do so, without interfering with public business

Very respectfully (Signed) W. C. Whitney
Secretary of the Navy.

Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar
Secretary of the Interior

Department of the Interior
April 25, 1885

Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Education

Wm. M. Lockwood
Chief Clerk

U. S. Bureau of Education
Received April 27th 1885
No 3819.

May 26 1

Prof W. E. Roscoe

Kodiak Alaska

Dear Friend

Your letter of April 6th is before me. The reports, you speak of, of Monthly attendance have not been received! That is I have only received those for Sept. Oct & Nov 1887, and none since. If it is not asking too much please at your first opportunity send me another copy of Monthly Attendance reports; one each of Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar April. May & June. 87 & 88 Those you have sent may turn up & may not. I had expected to have visited you on the Lhetis, but some body's spite has prevented my being allowed transportation on her. If I ever meet you in the flesh again, I have many things to say

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to you that I do not care to put on paper. If Congress continues to make appropriations for Education in Alaska I see no reason why you should not be continued in your school at Kodiak. The present Board of Education will reappoint you for next year.

I send you by the U. S. S. Thetis 8 boxes of Crayon & 3 boxes of slate pencils, & 2 doz lead pencils, & 1½ doz Elementary Geographies. taken from the supplies on hand at the Sitka Schools.

I hope the Department will send you full school supplies by the last U. C. Co Steamer in the fall.

Mr Carr has left Unga on account of the dangerous illness of his mother. It is doubtful if he will return. Probably Prof Baker of Pa. an experienced teacher

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will be sent to Unga.

Much obliged for the information concerning Mr Hoole.

Please send enclosed letters to Mr Wirth at first opportunity.

If you do not secure all the facilities you think you ought to have at Kodiak please bear in my mind that my hands are tied & I can not do as I like, or carry out the plans, which I believe to be for the best interests of the Schools.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs Rosevr, also to Mr Petroff -

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agent.

May 26th 8

Rev James Mitte

Afognak. Alaska

Dear Friend

I had hoped to have visited you by the U.S.S. Thetis, but have been refused transportation.

If you have sent me any Monthly Attendance reports, they have probably gone astray as I have not received any!

Please make me out another Sl. & mail to me at Sitka Alaska, one for each month of the school year. I enclose you some blanks. You will probably receive your salary by the next Steamer of the A.C.Co. provided your reports are received -

The Commissioner of Education has refused to pay any salary, for months for which no reports have been received

If Congress grants the usual appropri-

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ation for Alaska Schools, I have no doubt, but that the Board of Education will continue you next year at Afognak.

I also expect that School supplies for another year, will be sent on the fall steamer of the A.C. Co.

I will do everything I can to help you, but if that does not prove to be very much, please bear in mind that my hands are tied & that I can not do all that I would like.

I often think of you & constantly pray for you, that you may be sustained & blessed in your self denying work.

Please remember me very kindly to Mrs Wirth.

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

May 26th 8

Mr Karlsen

Unalaklik Alaska

Dear Brother

I inclose you some blank School Attendance report. Please fill them out, one for each month that you have had School and mail them to me in the inclosed envelope. They will not need any postage. I will also be greatly pleased to receive a letter from you, giving an account of your experience in those distant regions, of what you are doing & hoping to do.

I often think of you, and remember you constantly in prayer.

May the Lord of the Vineyard strengthen and bless and prosper you

Your Brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

May 26th 8

Messrs Parker & Chapman
Anvik. Alaska

Dear Brethren

I enclose you some blank Attendence reports. If you have not Already done so, please fill them out for each month and mail them to me at Sitka in the enclosed penalty Envelope

I had hoped to have been able to make you a visit this Summer, but will be prevented from doing so.

I shall be anxious until I hear from you, to learn how you have got through the long winter. I trust you have both been well, and that God's Blessing has been so Manifestly with you, that you are greatly encouraged in the work.

I often think of you in your isolation and remember you Cordially in prayer.

The Lord bless & strengthen & prosper
you Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

(Copy)

Education of Children in Windsor 1855

In Council Council

[illegible] at [illegible] per [illegible] £24.10

[illegible] the Residential Home of Education
[illegible] the above bill [illegible] approved
[illegible]
[illegible]

(Signed) [illegible]

Commissioners

[illegible]

[illegible]

May 1st [illegible]	[illegible]
" " "	[illegible]
March 21st 1822 [illegible]	1 75
" " 19th [illegible]	75
April 19 Cord of wood for Silk School	5 00
" 20 Travelling Expenses Silk School	12 50
May 5 " " Payment to [illegible]	10 50
" 15 Printing bills for Silk School	4 50
	$26 60

At a meeting of the Trustees Manual Education May 20, 1822 the above bill was audited and approved

La Rochefoucauld
President of the Board

[illegible]
Secretary

[illegible]

Education of Children in Alaska 1888
Bureau of Education
James A. Wirtz
Afognak. Alaska

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April 2nd For services as teacher of
U.S. Public School at Afognak
Alaska @ $120 per month.

For October 16th to 31st 87	60.00
November 1887	120 00
December "	120 00
January 1888	120 00
February "	120 00
March "	120.00
	$660.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
May 31st 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

Lafayette Dawson
Pres't of Board

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

June 1st 8

Alaska Commercial Co
310 Sansome St S. F. Cal

Dear Sir

Gov Swineford has sailed for the U.S.S. Thetis for Western Alaska, Seal Islands &c. For some cause or other it was so arranged that no other of the Civil Officials were allowed to accompany the Thetis, the Governor having said that the rest of us had been brought up or over by the Courtesies of the A.C.Co.

Judge Dawson has written Washington for permission for me to come to S. F. and go to Western Alaska on your Steamer. It is reported that you will be sending one some time during the latter part of July. Please write me the approximate ~~time~~ sailing of your vessels, so that if allowed to go

I may know when to come on to S. F.—
Any information you can furnish
me, will be thankfully received
Very Truly Yours
Sheridan Jackson
Electrical Agent.

June 1st

Mr Wm Duncan
New Metlakahtla

Dear Brother

I forward you by this mail letter sent from New York in an envelope also small package -

Sent by Pacific Coast Steamer directed to Wm A. Kelly. Sitka, 3000 feet of Cedar plank 12 inches in size and about 20 feet

Mail bill for same Drawn on NY.

Kind regards to Dr Blue -
Your Brother in Christ
Meldon Jackson

Washington June 9th 1888

Rev C. H. Bell D.D.
904 Olive St. St Louis. Mo.

Dear Brother.

I drop you a line to say that the probabilities are that I will be unable to send out one of your teachers this fall.

A friend in Congress writes me that it is expected that the session of Congress will last into August. As the Appropriation bill that carries our School appropriation is among the last to pass Congress, it will be September before we hear whether they have given us anything & how much.

We will then be late before I can send you; and then there will be no vessel sailing to Cook's Inlet to carry the teacher before the Spring of 1889.

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[illegible] Education,

If anything unexpectedly occurs, I will at once let you know.

Regretting that I have nothing more encouraging to communicate I remain

Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

June 9 8

Rev L. N. Currie

Klawack. Alaska

Dear Brother

Presbytery at its annual meeting at Juneau unanimously requested the Board of Home Missions to give you $1200 with which to purchase your present school building and so fit it up that it can be used for the school during the week and church on Sabbath.

With kind regards to Mrs Currie & Hope I remain your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent

Dear Brother

Presbytery at its Meeting at Juneau voted to recommend the several Missionaries and Teachers to the Board of Home Missions the usual salaries.

They also unanimously requested the Board of Home Missions to erect you a School house & Church.

Please send me by the next mail without fail if possible an historical abstract of this field from 1884 to the present time. It is to fill out the Presbyterial history for the Centennial year in accordance with the recommendations of the General Assembly of 1887. Give date & number of Church organizations - date of the erection of Mrs McFarland's home - etc

of Teacher of Home Mission. Also Colored Mission, Progress of the People in Civilization. &c. &c. Please attend to this at once. Your bill has been audited, approved & sent to Washington for payment. We are very sorry that you could not meet with Presbytery.

What do you hear from your wife & daughter?

Kind regards to the friends

Your Brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

June 9th 8

Rev Mr Irvine D.D.

Dear Brother

Since answering your letter of April 7th and recommending that the $1200, that the Board would pay Rev L. W. Currie of Klawack for as long as he not salaried by the Government, be allowed him to secure and complete a suitable building that can be used both for School and Church purposes, the Presbytery of Alaska has had its annual meeting.

At this meeting Presbytery unanimously recommended that the Board allow $1200 towards securing a Church & School building at Klawack; that the Board purchase & own the School building at Hoonkah.

Hoping for further [illegible]

[illegible] Mrs [illegible]
[illegible] Industrial School [illegible]
when it shall be turned over to them by
The feeling of the Presbytery was to emphasize
the fact that the Sitka Industrial School
[illegible] industrial training for all
south East Alaska. If, however, there
[illegible] Ministry is [illegible] Tongass, it has
[illegible] if ~~should~~ [illegible] the necessity for [illegible]
[illegible], like that [illegible]
[illegible] Sitka, the Presbytery, as they
[illegible] at present, stand ready to recommend
it to the Board.

Presbytery also recommended a grant
of $200 to Rev E.S. Willard to secure the building
now occupied by the Home at Juneau, also
an additional helper to Mrs Willard.

Your Brother in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

June 7th

Mrs L. H. Daggett

[illegible] Bunker Hill St. Boston

Dear Sister

Since writing you I have been through Woman's Home Missions for Alaska that Rev W. A. Baker's address is care Pettibone Pa, and I [illegible] at that place notifying him of his appointment. I both wrote & telegraphed to the same effect by the last mail.

The Alaska Commercial Co. 310 Sansome St. San Francisco, send a steamer up to Unalaska about July 25th. If Mr & Mrs Baker can possibly reach that steamer it will be a good opportunity for them.

If they can not, there will be some more schooners running up later in the season. Write Mr Charles Miles Shipping Merchant. 10 California

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An Francisco Concerning Alex.
From Unalaska Mr Thos Baker
[illegible]
[illegible] Mills can probably [illegible]
[illegible] direct to Alex [illegible] San Francisco
[illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible]
electotype plate of the Alaska [illegible]
published in May number of Woman's
"Commissions." In return [illegible]
[illegible] an electotype of a native [illegible]
(Barbara) and Woman on Unalaska
[illegible] will be published in the [illegible] "North
Star" now in press.

See my notice of your work in the
May number of the Chautauquan
in Article "Cargo of School Teachers"
[illegible] again in "North Star" for July.

While the School Board will not
establish a School at [illegible] next fall

[illegible] feel there, that if ever God
[illegible] that we (Home) that the Governor

I hope the Jesse Lee Memorial meet
[illegible] friends at your General Conference.
[illegible] John H. Carr, as you probably know, has
returned to Seattle on account of the health
of his mother.

Wishing you a great blessing in
all your plans, I remain your fellow
[illegible] for Christ

Sheldon Jackson
Governor.

June 7

Rev. S. Hall

Emmetsburg Iowa

Dear Brother

Your letter of April 18th is received, but as I am 1500 miles from the Churches you write about in Washington Lib. & Oregon, I have sent your letter to the Minister at Tacoma.

Praying that you may be guided by the Great Head of the Church in your movements, I remain

Yours in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

July 19th

Gordon Hardware Co
Seattle W. Terr

Sir

Please ship by first Pacific Coast Steamer to Mission School Sitka Alaska Care of Prof Wm A. Kelly 3 rolls of O.K. Straw Building Paper. Send bill for same to me

Truly Yours
Ellen Jackson

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Henrietta Jensen
Juneau Alaska

June 30 For salary as teacher of
U.S. Public School No 2 at
Juneau, Alaska @$80 per month
For April, May & June 1888
@ $80 — 240.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
June 30th 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

[redacted]
Pres't of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Sec

June 29/88

La Fayette Dawson
Pres't of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Seventeen 50/100 8

Education of Children in Alaska 1888
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson

Commissioner

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June 2d For services as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a Salary of $1200 per year for the Month of June 98.90
June 1 Travelling Expenses Sitka to Juneau 7.50
" 12 " " Juneau to Sitka 7.50
$113 90

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education June 29, 1888 the above bill was audited & approved
L. Fayette Dawson
Pres. of the Board
Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

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One hundred and thirteen 90/100

Sheldon Jackson

Commissioner

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Dec 1st

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education June 29, 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

Pres. of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

May Rane
Teacher

June 30	For salary as teacher of Sch. No. 1 [illegible] Collins [illegible] at $10 per month from April 1st to June 30 three months @ $10	$30.00
Feb 27	For teaching school [illegible] 3 letters [illegible]	1.50
	4 Cents (Voucher 15)	.15
Mar 16	Janitor for Sch. [illegible] Paper [illegible] Brooms for Kindergarten [illegible] (Voucher 15)	2.00
April 20	Janitor for Brooms [illegible] (Voucher 16)	.85
	Postage [illegible] cents [illegible] 3 letters [illegible]	1.50
	1 doz. Mucilage [illegible], 1 Scissors [illegible]	2.50
		.85
		$253.40

At a meeting the Directors Board of Education June 30th 1911 the above bill was audited & approved

Sheldon Jackson
Pres.

Chas. E. Cooper
Pres. of the Board

Warrant drawn for $253.40

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Karl Kohl
Juneau Alaska

Warrant issued

7 For use of U.S. Public School
at ~~Juneau~~ Haines Alaska.
October 18th 2 Cases of Coal oil @ $4. 8.00

At a Meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
June 29 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

Seal of the Board
Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

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Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
L. N. Currie
Klawack. Alaska

Commissioner

March 31	To Jack for interpreting 2½ months @ $6.	11.25
April 23	Freight on school supplies	5.00
June 28	" " " "	1.50
" 29	Rent of school house for ten months @ $5.	50.00
		67.75

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Educa. June 30th 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

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Pres't of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Sec

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education June 29. 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

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Pres't of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

(Copy)

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Elwood W. Wrasner
Douglas City, Alaska

June 30 Salary as teacher of U.S.
Public School Douglas City
@ $20 per month.
From August 1st 1887
to Jan 31st 1888 inclusive
6 months @ $20 — 120.00
From April 2d to May 31st
2 months @ $20 — 40.00
160.00

At a meeting of Territorial Board of Education
June 30, 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

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Treas of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Sec.

Signed Elwood W. Wrasner
163 days.

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V. Pakle
Sitka Alaska

			Voucher	
Commissioner	Sept 2	Cleaning School House No 2	(6)	1.15
	" 5	Clock 2.50 Dust Pan .50 Stove Shovel .25	(1)	3.25
	" "	2 yds Toweling @ 20 Crash 40	(1)	60
	Nov 8	Janitor Sept & Oct @ $2	(8)	4.00
	" 18	Express on School Supplies	(9)	1.75
	" 29	Janitor November	(9)	2.00
	Dec 31	Pail 40 Case Coal oil 3.60 . Saw 50	(12)	5.40
	" "	2 Lamp Chimnies @ 25	(12)	0.50
	Jan 12	Janitor December	(9)	2.00
	" 19	Interpreter 1½ Months @ $2	(15)	3.00
	Mar 13	Janitor February	(14)	2.00
	" 31	" March	(16)	2.00
	April 30	" April	(20)	2.00
	June 30	" May & June @ $2	(17)	4.00
	" "	Salary April, May & June @		240.00
				273.65

At a meeting of Territorial Board of Education June 30th 1888 the above bill was audited and approved.

Sheldon Jackson
Sec

Delegate Dawson
Pres of the Board

Two hundred and seventy three 65/100

V. Pakle

Education of Children in Alaska 1888

A. H. Mule
Juneau Alaska

Commissioner

June 30th Salary as teacher of U. S.
Public School, Haines, Alaska
@ $120 per Month.
For April, May & June
three Months @ $120 360 00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education June 30 1888 the above bill was Audited & And Approved -

Lafayette Dawson
Pres't of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Sec

Margaret Powell

Commissioner

Sept	12th	Freight on School Supplies	voucher 1	2.65
"	16	1 Box of Slate Pencils	(voucher 6)	75
Oct	4	Janitor for Sept	(" 4)	2 00
"	"	1 Broom	(" 10)	50
Nov	2	1 Can of Coal oil	(" 11)	3 25
"	"	Janitor for Oct	(" 13)	2 00
"	30	6 Doz Lead Pencils @ 20	(41)	1.20
Jan	8. 1888.	Janitor Nov & Dec @ $2	(33)	4.00
Feb	8	" Jan	(34)	2.00
"	"	Sawing 1 Cord of wood	(35)	1.00
Mar	8	Janitor Feb	(31)	2 00
"	"	Sawing 1 Cord of wood	(32)	1.00
April	12	Janitor March	(40)	2.00
"	"	Sawing 2 Cords of wood @ $1.	(39)	2 00
"	12	Drayage on Cord of wood	(26)	50
May	14	Janitor April	(37)	2.00
"	"	Sawing 1 Cord of wood	(38)	1.00
June	12	Janitor's Fee May	(36)	2.00
June	30	Salary as teacher of U.S. Public School No 1. Sitka at $100 per Month. For April, May & June 1888 @ $100		300 00
				$331 85

At a Meeting of the Territorial Board of Education June 30th 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

LaFayette Dawson
Pres't of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Sec'y

July 25th 8

Mrs L. H. Daggett
287 Bunker Hill St Boston

Dear Friend

Your letters of May 20th & 31st are before me. In your former letters you neglected to give me Rev W. A. Baker's post office address. and therefore I could not write him.

About June 7th I found his address in the ~~Home~~ "Romans Home Mission" Magazine and wrote him immediately. I have not heard from him. Perhaps there has not been time. Prof John H. Carr, however writes from Emerson Iowa on June 20 "I have just received a letter from Mrs Daggett saying that Rev B has decided not to go" On the reception of Prof Carr's letter, I called the School Board together and had

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Prof John A. Luck of Roosevelt lyn N.Y. appointed teacher at Ninga at a salary of $1200 per annum.

If Prof Baker of New Bethlehem Pa will go, send him & the School Board will see that he is paid $1200. per year. If Prof Baker declines to go, then send Mr Luck. If Mr Luck declines going then you had better telegraph John Dean to return. If he refuses, then you will probably lose the place, at least for the present, as it will be too late for further correspondence this season. There are other applicants for the place, but I am holding it for one of your teachers.

I can not give you a place at Radio & vicinity. Messrs Roscoe & Wirth (both Baptists) have no intention of giving up

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Mr Roscoe is looking forward to the establishment of a Boarding School at Kadiak. They are both greatly interested in their work.

I feel out of patience with Mr Baker if he was not willing to go, he should not have applied. I will telegraph you by this coming steamer concerning Mr Lack. If you do not receive it until after you receive this letter please write me.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

July 25 8

Prof John A. Luck.

Roslyn N.Y.

Sir

Since writing you this Open I have concluded to send you some notes. If you go to Unga, they will be useful to you. If you do not you can throw them into the waste basket.

The only way to reach Unga is via San Francisco. The Alaska Commercial Co. 310 Sansome St San Francisco send steamers to Unalaska two or three times each summer. The last one will sail about 8th September. From Unalaska you can get across to Unga by local sailing vessels

There is also a firm in San Francisco that is engaged in the Cod fishery, with their seat of operations at Cook Harbor

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& Pirate Cove, both a few miles from Unga Village. They frequently send schooners from S. F. to Unga. Mr Chas H. Mills, 10 California St S. F. can find out for you when they vessels will go.

The Citizens of Unga have erected a small but comfortable school house 20 x 24 feet in size. This is furnished with desks, books, slates, black board &c by the Government. The teacher pays his own travelling expenses (unless his Church will help pay them) finds & furnishes his own residence.

In all probability your home will be small & therefore you need not take much furniture. It will be wise to pack & take all the bedding you need

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If you can secure a fair price for your furniture you had better sell & buy new at S. F. Furniture on Pacific Coast is about as cheap as in the east.

Also sell your stoves in the east & buy new ones in S. F. Fuel is very scarce at Unga & you will probably find it best to use coal. Take with you plenty of good flannel underclothing, rubber boots rubber coat &c. It is a rainy & foggy climate with a good deal of mud.

At S. F. call on Mr Miles. He can assist you in making purchases & also afterwards in sending you supplies. Also find out from the Alaska Commercial Co. what supplies of groceries &c they keep in stock at the Unga Store.

Wishing you great success in your proposed work. I remain Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agt.

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Prof Geo Davidson
U.S. C & G. Sur. San Francisco

Dear Sir

Yours of the 10th is just received There is not time while the Steamer remains here to secure you an observer, but I have no doubt that I can secure you a Competent observer to record the times of high & low water, Also use the levelling instrument. The wharf has recently been repaired and a tidal box can be safely fastened to it

If you will send instruments and full instructions to me, I will attend to it for you.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt

July 26th 8

Messrs Stetson & Post

Seattle W. Terr

Sirs

Mr Brady sends word by this Mail for the Leo to load up & come to Sitka Please send me by her <u>without fail</u> the following order

4000 feet flooring (No 2) 1 x 4
9000 " Ceiling tongue grooved & beaded 1 x 4 (No 2)
2.000 " 1 x 6 dressed on one side
1000 " 1 x 12 dressed on two sides
21 Windows Glazed plain rail 12 x 14 glass 8 lights
3 Doors 6 0 x 2 0

~~3 tops for 6 inch Terra Cotta pipe for chimneys~~
~~5 Kegs 8 penny~~

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

July 26 8

Gordon Hardware Co

Seattle W Terr

Sirs

Mr Brady by this mail orders the Schooner Leo to load up & come to Sitka Please ship me by her without fail

3 tops for 6 inch terra Cotta pipe Chimney
2 T joints 6 " " " "
5 Kegs 8 penny nails
2 " 20 " "
1 " 30 " "
1 " Shingle nails
4 Rolls O.K. Straw building paper
1 Keg Medal Brand Roof Paint
And as much three ply Medal Brand felt as the paint will cover.
Also the necessary tin caps & lath nails

I will give it a trial

Very truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

July 25th 8

Rev L. W. Currie

Klawack. Alaska

Dear Sir

I am glad to hear that your health is improving

You remember writing me last year that you had built a School house and asking if the Government would buy it. The Presbyterian Board of Home Missions has sent me official notice that they have appropriated $1200 towards purchasing your building & fixing it so that it can be used both for religious services & a day School I will enter the whole Island for your Mission, so that you can control it. When the Governor returns I will try & have you made Justice of the Peace & Gunnack your policeman

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Mrs Currie need not teach sewing any longer. You can suspend that portion of the work - Can just heard from Hugos Roscoe & Mirta They send love to you - I will write Capt Moore about visiting you - but do not know that it will do any good -

Send me description of the Island its compass bearing from the Cannery If it has a name, English or Native send that.

Hoping that you are continuing to improve in health I remain Yours truly

Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt

I have no Monthly attendance Reports for November & Dec 87 & April 88 please forward them to me by return mail -

August 12th 8

Rev Adolf Lydell
Swedish Free Mission
Yakutat. Alaska

Dear Sir

I am rejoiced to hear of your arrival, together with that of your Assistant Rev C. Hendrickson, at Yakutat. and I hasten to send you Christian Greetings.

You are in a very needy field. May the God of the sowing and the harvest abundantly bless your work.

Through the kindness of the owners of the Alpha I send you a small box containing

1 Dozen Monroe's New 1st Reader
1/3 " Butter's Chart Primer
7 Butter's 2nd Reader
2 Brook's Elementary Normal Arithmetic
2 White's Primary

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1 Pattafinder No 1.
1 " No 2
6 Elementary Lessons in English (Eim. Heath & Co
1 Mentelle's Manual of Geography
1 Appletons Standard Elementary "
1 Collers New Introduction "
1 Cornell's Primary "
1 Guyot's Elementary "
Blank Books. Paper. Letters
2 Doz lead Pencils.
Penholders & Steel Pens. Slate Pencils
Ink. Bottle. Mucilage bottle. Erasers.
1 Doz Slates
1 Higginson's History of U. S.
1 Among the Mackaws.

I also send you some blank school reports. If you will take the trouble to make out one each month and mail to me at Sitka, you will oy

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a favor, and make it possible for me to assist you in various ways.

Also if from time to time as you have opportunity you will write me an account of your work. I will be glad to put it into the newspapers. This will make your mission known in the United States and raise up friends who will pray for you & perhaps some of them help you pecuniarly.

Please send me Mr Carlsen's full name. And if you have heard anything of interest concerning his work on Behring Sea. please let me know about it.

There is at Sitka a large Training School with 170 boys & girls. These boys are fed. clothed & trained at the expense of the School. They live in the

School until they become men & women & go out into the world for themselves. They come from all quarters of South East Alaska & British Columbia.

If any of the teachers of the day Schools find a boy or girl that is bright and quick to learn, if they wish to give them better advantages they send them to this School.

Or if in any Community Children are left Orphans with no one to care for them, this School is a Sheltering home for them.

If at any time you would like to send any here, they will receive a warm welcome. The School already has several from Yakutat.

The Lord bless & keep you

Your Brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

General Agent.

Mle 28th 8

Mrs L. White Mcc

327 Broadway N.Y.

Sir

Your favor of June 8th is received. The only advanced school in Alaska is the Industrial Training School connected with the Presbyterian Mission, which has 70 boarding pupils. There are eighteen Government day schools in the Territory and several others belonging to the various religious denominations. But the School at Sitka the Capital of the Territory is the head & centre of all the others! If you can get it to patronize the School with bed & board & making it a centre for all the other schools. — It will be seen by the thousand tourists that each Steamer visit this region & school, many of them bring

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teachers from tribes different sections of the United States, Canada & England. Dr R. E. Shannon the Medical Missionary in charge of the Hospital connected with the School, would write more as you desire for the Territory.

If you do fit to place me on exhibition at the Sitka School, you can buy and ship as freight to "Industrial School Care of Rev Kelly. Sitka Alaska"

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Gen'l Agt.

The School will pay the freight.

July 27 8

Rev J. Lewis Gould

You will remember that about a year ago, you were authorized to erect a plain cheap dwelling house at your station. I am now officially notified by the Board of Home Missions that they have voted $400 towards taking that building off your hands.

As the land upon which the building stands has been leased by the Government for the Mission Board, it is better that they should own the building also.

I wish you much & great visit you this season! Kind regards to all the friends

Your bro in Christ

Nicholas Jacobson

The Comr of Education has sent you $25 for wood. Pt knowing upon P Office. Pt addressed it to Jackson If you do not receive it let me know.

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
John H. Carr

Commissioner

Month 31st For Service as teacher
of Mrs. Nellie Vetter Mace
Salary at $150 per Month
for Month 1885 $150.10
See Circular of the Territorial Board of Education
June 20th 1885 the above has credited & approved

Education of Children in Alaska 1888.

John Speckbacher
Sitka Alaska.

Commissioner

June 29th 8 For drawing plans and specifications for School House No 2. Sitka Alaska at 1½ per Cent on $1450.00 the Contract price $22.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education June 30th 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

John Speckbacher

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson
Sitka Alaska

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August 1st For Services as General
Agent of Education in Alaska
at a Salary of $1210 per Annum
For the Month of July 1888 101.10
At a Meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
Aug 1888 the above bill was audited and approved

& Commissioner

One hundred and one 10/100

Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska 1888
Bureau of Education
Sheldon Jackson
Sitka Alaska

Communications

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June 30th For Services as Member of
the Territorial Board of Education
at a salary of $200 per annum
From April 1st to June 30th
1888 inclusive $50.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
June 30th 1888 the above bill was audited & approved.

Fifty dollars —
Sheldon Jackson

June 30th 8

Hon N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Dear Sir

As the honorable, the Secretary of the Interior with the approval of both the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and yourself recommended to Congress that the Industrial Training Schools of Alaska be transferred from the Indian Bureau to the Education Office, we assume that the Industrial Schools from the 1st of July are in your Department.

We would therefore recommend that you renew the Contract with the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions (53 Fifth Avenue New York City) for the fiscal year 1888 and 89, and allow them the regular amount per capita, allowed by the Indian Office for such Schools, and that

you extend the number of pupils to 150.

This is the only school in the Territory where the pupils are taught trades and fitted to go out an earn a good support in a civilized way. Mrs Young's so called home at Fort Wrangell has been disbanded.

If in the future we are to have native teachers, merchants and business men, those men are now in training among the boys of the Sitka School, and the Government has an interest in its being well sustained.

This season Mr William Duncan whose colony you helped inaugurate at Port Chester has sent to the Institution from his colony 34 of his choicest young men ranging from 15 to 24 years of age in order to learn trades. This is a special reason why the number

allowed to receive the per Capita should be increased to 150.

As you know by a personal inspection it is a good School. It is constantly adding to its appliances and increasing its Efficiency. It is also growing in numbers having at present 160 pupils.

Since your visit last summer four new buildings have been erected at the School, and two others are to be added before fall. The friends of the Institution are expending thousands of dollars in its development, and should be helped by the Government.

For these reasons we recommend that you renew the Contract for another year and increase the number of pupils allowed to 150.

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If this School still remains under the Indian Bureau, please send this Communication to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs with your indorsement.

By order of the Board
Lafayette Dawson
Pres^t of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Contract for the Erection of School House No 2. Sitka Alaska.

This Agreement made and executed this 29th day of June 1888 by and between the Territorial Board of Education for the District of Alaska and Messrs J. M. Shields and John Speckbacher, Contractors & Builders,

Witnesseth, That said Messrs Shields and Speckbacher for the Consideration hereinafter mentioned agree to build, erect and finish at Sitka Alaska in a good and workmanlike manner one building to be used as a school house

That said building shall be 39'6" by 25' 4" in size, one story high.

That said building shall be of frame set on Cedar posts with stone foundations And all the Material shall be first Class.

Both said building and materials to be according to the plans & specifications hereto attached and made a part hereof.

That all the material for the Completion of said building as above, shall be furnished by said Shields and Speckbacher

That the Board of Education will receive all bills of lumber and hardware for said building as they become due, audit, approve and forward to Washington for payment. the aggregate of such payments to be deducted from the Contract price of said building at the final accounting.

That the said building shall be completed and ready for occupancy on or before the first day of October 1888.

That the Consideration of said building shall be the sum of Fourteen hundred and eighty dollars, payable on the Completion and acceptance of the Building by the Territorial Board of Education.

Lafayette Dawson
Pres. of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

James M. Shields
John Speckbacher } Contractors.

August 18th 1

Hon. N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Hon and Dear Sir

Your telegram of August 3rd concerning Mr Geo B. Johnston and School No 1 at Juneau was received by the Secretary of the Board this morning and has been laid before us.

We greatly regret that you do not approve the action of the Territorial Board of Education in the appointment of Miss Rhoda A. Lee in the place of Mr G. B. Johnston, whose time had expired, as teacher of School No 1 at Juneau.

Our action in the 1st place was in the interests of economy

The School is a very small one. The total number of pupils last year was only 28. The largest attendance any

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one month was 21, and the largest average attendance for any month was 19.

It is not only a very small school, but also a very primary one. Of the 21 pupils enrolled the last month of the school (see same report) eleven, or more than half, are in the primary Chart and 1st & 2nd readers. I enclose you a list of his reports for the year, by which you will see the studies taken and the number in each.

Now as a matter of course [and in your letters to the Board you constantly (and properly so) urge it upon us] the Board when first constituted took the position that they would not appoint a Gentleman to a school, that could as well be filled by a Lady: For the Gentlemen are paid $1200 and the Ladies

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from $800 to $900. Thus making a saving of from $200 to $400 in each case. And as a rule the Ladies are better teachers in our schools than the Men.

This rule of the Board has been strictly adhered to in every instance with the single exception of Juneau. It was mentioned last year with reference to Juneau, but not acted upon. This year in consideration of the size of the school and the elementary character of the studies the Board concluded not to except Juneau from the rule and so a Lady was appointed in place of a Gentleman.

That Gov Swineford looked at it in the same way, may be seen from this letter written Miss Lee in ~~reply~~ reply to her application for the school at Sitka. The underscoring is ours.

Copy

National Hotel, Washington D.C.
March 13, 1898

Miss R. A. Lee
Sitka Alaska

My dear Madam

Yours of 28th of Feb. is at hand & contents noted. In reply I have to say that it would afford me the greatest pleasure in the world to consider favorably your application for the Sitka School at Sitka, but for the fact that I had previously promised my influence in favor of a lady here, who was recommended to me by the Comr. of Education, and who informs me that he has written to Judge Dawson in the same behalf. The lady is a Miss Dreka, a sister in law of Representative Breckenridge, and very desirous of going to Alaska as the successor of Miss Powell. I have met the lady & am assured that she has the

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promise of Mr Jackson, as well as my own. And I know of Miss Powell's intention to resign, or thought of the possibility of your application, I would certainly hesitated about committing myself to any one else.

As it is, of course I must keep my word. Is it not possible, even probable, that there may be some other position in the public schools in Alaska which will suit you? Say that at Killisnoo, for instance, or possibly the school now taught by Mr Johnston at Sitka — it is just possible that the Board will want Mr Johnston in another capacity, but I do not like to see such a great big man as he is teaching a primary school. + +

Yours respectfully yours
(Signed) A. P. Swineford

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In the second place our action was based in the interests of Efficiency

Mr Johnston does not look to teaching as a profession, and therefore possibly did not take the interest in the School that he otherwise would. He gave his attention to the reading of law and has since been admitted to the bar.

If he has the manliness and energy to succeed in his profession, he can not afford to remain in the School; and if he has not, then he is not fit for a teacher.

Complaints were made to Members of the Board by some of the parents with respect to Mr Johnston's lack of interest in the School. He also lacked discipline and was irregular in opening School. He has impressed the Board as lacking Conscience in the discharge of his duties.

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In his place we appointed a lady, who has proved herself a successful teacher in this section and whom we believe has no superior as a teacher in Alaska.

In the 3rd place Mr Johnston has been extravagant in his use of the public funds, as a reference to the bills on file in your office will show.

In your letter of April 28, 1888 to the Secretary of the Board you call attention to the large amounts called for by Mr Johnston's bills. In your letter of May 5th 1888 to Judge Dawson, you write "I take this occasion to call your attention to the exhorbitant prices of some of the articles of Mr Johnston's account. For instance, the cost of a cord of wood, including sawing and drayage is $10, while a ton of coal is only $12;" the salary

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of the janitor is $5 per month: and one panel-door $45, including door wrights $64.00 + + + Again the rent for the school house is exhorbitant, $20 per month. I have these buildings myself & $250 would be a large outlay for building them".
When he was at Killisnoo teaching, the Territorial Board authorized Mr Johnston to employ some natives in grading a walk to the School house. While superintending the work for which the natives received pay, he sent in a bill of $3 a day for 5 days ($15) for himself, and his bill for the work was so extravagant that it was six months before the Board would audit it. No other teacher in Alaska would have made any charge for such a service

The work before the School closed in June at Juneau, the General Agent

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Wrote also Johnston an official letter stating at the close of the school to place the books, desks and other school property for safe keeping into the hands of Judge Williams, and would contract the new school house was ready to receive them. This was done in order to stop the Schoolhouse rent. Such the proceeding, with no attention to the directions made by this Board a bill is sent in for $40 rent. The house belongs to a Mr Jones, a lumber dealer, and through the influence of Mr Johnston the Board was cheated out of $12 or $15 before for so called storage.

Judge Williams has been over & opened the Lecture rooms lately, the school clerks & Board have just cut into the Hall, Kitchen & the New school house is now alone & Judge Williams' trade took after

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the school property, but Mr Johnston has shown himself culpably negligent.

In the 4th place Mr Johnston does not work in harmony with the Board and view them with regard to litigation should attendance. He has not, she does not try to enforce it, but recommended against its enforcement.

In a letter written to the Board and dated Dec 30th 1888, Mr Johnston says

"So far as the compulsion law needed by the honorable School Board might have applied to such cases as mine, as well as many others is yet a question. . . .

The idea that Congress has a right to an amendment to grant to the president or any other individual power to operate the legislative prerogative of the state Legislature in the amendment referred to, seems to

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absurd to claim the attention of heavenly men."

Further Mr Shuster had no claim upon the place. The time had expired for which he had been appointed, and for the foregoing reasons he was not reappointed. Cash now a good teacher was removed from that school to make a place for him, and his work proved so unsatisfactory that the Board did not deem it expedient to continue him.

Again Mr Shuster has accepted the position of Inspector afloat on the Steam Ships, where he receives as good a salary as he did as teacher.

Having gone into other business, he will not be ready to open school as soon in September, but as Miss Lee has stepped by your Lordship, & as not see

that there will be any white school at Jamaica until the Board hear from you further.

Under the circumstances we trust you will approve the action of the Board and not compel us to retain an unacceptable teacher. The two Members of the Board are united in this action, and the views of the absent Member can be judged by his letter found on pages 4 & 5.

By order of the Board

La Fayette Dawson
Pres.t of the Board

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Mr Johnson sent to me an application to admission to the bar & therefore appointed a committee to examine him as to his qualifications who reported favorably and I admitted him. Understanding at the time that he did not want the Jamaica school

~~He~~ he has been practicing law a year and has accepted the position of inspector of boat on the steamer ship Arrow. Miss Lee is poor has filial kindred dependent upon her for support is worthy, qualified, and in every way fitted for the place. and to refuse her now the position would work a great hardship upon her. Mr Johnson was not an applicant for the position when it was awarded and Miss Lee is certainly a more competent teacher for young children. Hoping that you will properly consider the surroundings. and do justice to this worthy young lady

I am with Great Respect

LaFayette Dawson

August 15th 8

Hon. T. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner

Hon & Dear Sir

The Territorial Board of Education has appointed the following persons teachers of the U. S. Public Schools in Alaska for the year 1888 and 89

Name	Place		Salary per Month.
John A. Luck	Unga	Alaska	$120.
James A Wirth	Afognak	"	$120.
W. E. Roscoe	Kadiak	"	$120
A. A. White	Haines	"	$120
Miss Rhoda A. Lee	Juneau No 1	"	$100
" Alice Hill	" " 2	"	$90.
" Mar Ransom	Killisnoo	"	$80
" Mary Drake	Sitka No 1	"	$100
" Virginia Pakle	" " 2	"	$80
" Lyda L. McAvoy	Fort Wrangell	"	$100.
" Miss Clara A. Gould	Chuckan	"	$100

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Prof L. M. Currie Klawack $120.
Mrs S. R. Moore Douglas City $80.

This latter is a new School in the Neighborhood of the Celebrated Treadwell Mine.

There are so many people there, that the Board felt compelled to order a School there to commence in September -

Hoping the action of the Board will meet with your approval

We remain Yours Truly.

Pres't of the Board -

Sheldon Jackson

Secretary

August 14th 8

Hon. T. W. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Hon and dear Sir

Whereas business and family Considerations may lead the General Agent of Education in Alaska to resign his position, the Territorial Board of Education being deeply interested in the Character of his Successor would respectfully recommend to you the Appointment of Prof A. J. Davis of Clarion Pa.

Prof Davis is a thoroughly educated School Man — a graduate of the State Normal School at Edinboro Pa. and of the National Normal University at Lebanon Ohio. He was Principal of the West Freedom Academy for three years and of the Collegiate Institute at Kittanning Pa for five years.

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He was superintendent of Public Schools in Clarion Co. Pa for 8 years and Statistician in the Department of Public Instruction for the State of Penna for 4 years.

He has been instructor of Teacher's Institutes in Seven Counties in Penna; and also in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

He is now Principal of the State Normal School at Clarion Penna

In 1885 he was for a few months Superintendent of the Training School at Sitka Alaska

In 1886 he was the nominee of the Democratic Party in his District for Congress.

Pro. Davis is 41 years of age and irreproachable in his moral character.

We have reason to believe that he will accept the position if appointed.

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But if any contingency arise to prevent his accepting the position, then the Board would recommend as their second choice, the Hon James Sheakley Now U.S. Commissioner at Fort Wrangell.

By order of the Board

LaFayette Dawson

Pres.t of the Board

Sheldon Jackson

Secretary.

Education of Children in Alaska 1888

Henry E. Hayden
Sitka, Alaska

Commissioner

Feb 8	2nd	1 Cords of Wood Sitka School No 2	5.00
"	27	1 Cord of Wood Sitka School No 1	5.00
"	29	2 Cords of Wood @ $5 for Sitka School No 1	10.00
March	19	1 Cord of wood for Sitka School No 1	5.00
April	11	Setting up and fixing water Closets of Sitka School No 1.	2.00
			$27.00

At a Meeting of Territorial Board of Education June 29th 1888 the above bill was audited & Approved

Pres't of Board

Attest: [illegible]
Secretary

Twenty Seven 00/100

Education of Children in Alaska 1888
Bureau of Education
James A. Wirth

Afognak. Care of A.C.Co
300 Sansome St. San Francisco
California

Commissioner

June 29 For services as teacher of
U.S. Public School Afognak
at a salary of $120 per month
for two months (April
and May 1888) @ $120 $240.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
June 30 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

Education of Children in Alaska 1888
Bureau of Education
W. E. Roscoe

Kodiak Care A. C. Co
310 Sansome St. San Francisco
California

Consolidated

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June 29 For Services as teacher of
Int. Public School Kodiak
at $120 per month
For April, May & June
1888 – 3 months @ $120 360.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
June 30, 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

Education of Children in Alaska 1888
Bureau of Education
L. W. Currie

Klawack. Alaska

Commissioner

June 8 1st For services as teacher of
Ind Public School. Klawack
at a salary of $120 per month
Two months (April and
May 1888) @ $120 $240 00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
June 29th 1888 the above bill was audited & Approved

August 26 8

Messrs Biglow & Main
76 East 9th St New York

Dear Sirs

The Steamer Mail has brought to Prof Wm A. Kelly, Sitka, Alaska 26 to 30 packages of Gospel Hymns, Consolidated 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Mrs Elliott F. Shepard (2 W 52nd St New York) writes us from her Summer home at Bar Harbor Me. that she ordered for us 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Consolidated

Of course we would be very thankful to receive the 4 Consolidated, but when she is just as ready to send us the 5 Consolidated, of course we prefer it and more particularly because we have used the 4 Consolidated ever since they have been published, and the young people want some fresh pieces.

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We opened three packages & found that a mistake had been made. Then we packed them away until we hear from you, What disposition to make of them. Shall we return them to you, or will you have them donated to some Alaska Mission that has not had them. Please mail Prof Kelly the 1.2.3.4 & 5 Consolidated as ordered by Mrs Shepard.

Prof Kelly is Superintendent of the Nty Training School in Alaska and ~~with~~ has 160 boarding pupils.

Mrs Shepard has visited and is much interested in the School, hence her generous gift.

Greatly regretting the mistake
I remain Yours Truly
Sheldon Jackson

August 23 8

Hon N. H. R Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Hon & Dear Sir

Dr Sheldon Jackson, the General Agent of Education having stated to the Board, that he would like to take the 30 days leave of absence usually allowed Government Agents annually in looking after his private business in the east

And Whereas the Board knows that it is impossible to go east, transact business and return in 30 days

Therefore the Territorial Board of Education in Session August 23rd 1888 would respectfully recommend that Dr Jackson be allowed leave of absence during the Months of November and December, the last Month being without pay.

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During those Months the building of School houses will be finished for the Season, the Schools will be well under way, the Governor and New Judge will probably be in Little to attend to routine School business, and the General Agent can be spared better than any other time.

By order of the Board.

Signed La Fayette Dawson

Prest of the Board

Sheldon Luckson

Secretary

August 23d 8

Hon. N. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Hon & Dear Sir

Family matters will require my presence in the East about the Middle or last of November, Therefore I have asked the Board of Education to recommend my leave of Absence during November and December, which they have kindly and cordially done.

As you have been so kind and considerate in the past, please use your influence with the Hon Secretary of the Interior to have the application granted and notify me the result by telegraph so that I may have as much time as possible to shape the work for leaving

In November & December the winter storms interfere with visiting much

from place to place. The Juneau School house is completed. Sitka School House No 2 will be completed by the 1st of Oct. The Schools will be well under way by 1st of November and will not need any special attention for a couple of months. Since reaching here Apric 1st I have worked early and late, and done the work of two men making 15 and 16 hours a day.

If you think it will be any easier to gain from Mr Vilas, you might ask for one month, and then afterwards we can apply for an extension of one month.

Asking this as a special favor I remain Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt

August 24th 8

Hon W. C. P. Breckinridge
House of Representatives

Dear Friend

By this mail I forward to Col Dawson a request for leave of absence during Sept November & December. The request is unanimously endorsed by the Territorial School Board; that is by Judge Dawson & myself. (Gov Swineford being absent in Western Alaska)

Family matters imperatively demand my attention about the last of November. My work is in such shape that I can be absent without any detriment to the service.

Then the Department only pays half of my salary, the other half being paid by the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions so that the Government can well afford

to allow me some latitude.
Since the 1st of April I have done two Men's work, making from 15 to 16 hours daily, so that I have earned a vacation.
Please see (or if you have left Washington) please write to Hon N. H. R. Dawson, Commissioner of Education and Hon Secretary Vilas asking that my request be granted.
I think you will find Col Dawson favorable, as he has been very kind and considerate in his treatment of me.
Mr Vilas I presume knows nothing about me or my work.
I am looking for Miss Dr Shaw on the Steamer that is expected

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hourly. I have had the School room freshly ~~painted~~ painted and cleaned for her. And will do what I can to make her stay up here pleasant.

I have read with great interest the several accounts of your Address at the Presbyterian Centennial Celebration. You seem to have aroused more enthusiasm than any other Speaker -

I was also glad to see that you made the Commencement address at Wellsley

Remember me very kindly to Mrs Breckenridge

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska 1888

Jas M. Shields

Commissioner

June 29 For removing old building and preparing the ground for School House No 2 at Sitka $20.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education June 30th 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

Jas M. Shields

Augt. 24 8

Hon. H. R. Drawn
U. S. Commissioner of Education
Hon & dear Sir

Your letter of Aug. 6th concerning Mr Johnston and the school at Sitka has just been received.

The Board will on last Monday in reply to your telegram.

Mr Johnston is now off in Oregon despatch agent on the Mission between Alaska and Oregon. As he has no more pecuniary position than teaching school, he will probably keep it, altho' I do not know that any act of the School Board can disturb him in his work.

You refer the matter to the full Board. Which of course I can do when I return to San Francisco. Yours Geo Lorrington

feels about it may be gathered from his letter to Miss Lee, a copy of which was sent you by the Board.

We do profess that we will approve of the action. But if he does not, he is in the minority on this question. The Board voted. Then should he be an exception. Do you say it should be unanimous? Then I repeat that a year ago, the Board was not unanimous in his appointment, but divided two to one for him.

You say that great dissatisfaction is expressed at his displacement by some of the patrons of the school.

We know how easy it is for a man to go through a Commencement and get signatures to a paper endorsing him.

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When a year ago Mr White was displaced to make room for Mr Johnstone he could have got a long list of signatures against his displacement, but he let the matter go.

Some of the patrons of the school are displeased at Mr Johnstone's being dismissed, others (patrons) of the school have expressed their gratification. Like all teachers he was popular with some and unpopular with others.

If it was necessary the Board could go into Duncan and secure signatures to a paper begging that Mr Johnston be dismissed.

There was only one teacher appointed in his place (two or

your letter indicates).

Miss Lee who was appointed to take his place, is one of the best, if not the very best teacher in Alaska. Her salary supports in part a widowed Mother, and carries a younger Sister through her education.

She has resigned that her former position as teacher in the Sitka Training School by accepting the appointment of the Board, thinking that as you had formerly approved of the appointments of the Board you would continue to do it.

She is now in Alaska far away from her relatives, and out of employment. While Mr Johnston has employment more lucrative than that she left

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Mr Johnston is now out of the Country
— Can not be reached for some time
If he is willing to resume the School
at all, it will not be for some weeks
Miss Lee has the full support and
Confidence of the Governor as well as
the other Members of the Board —
And I trust that under the Cir —
cumstances you will Confirm the
Action of the Board and let Miss
Lee go ahead with the School.
I write hurridly as the Steamer is
here but a short time

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
General Agent.

Aug 24th 8

Mrs Sara T. Kinney
4 Winthrop St. Hartford Ct

Dear Friend

Your letter of August 2nd Concerning the Cottages is received.

I have not got along as fast with them as I had hoped and expected.

In the first place we are 1500 miles from Market and I have been delayed in getting the necessary lumber delivered A portion of it, is not yet here, although expected hourly on a Schooner from Puget Sound.

Then I am dependent upon the Carpenter boys of the Industrial Training School for my workmen, and it is only recently that I could have them, as the Institution has been erecting new buildings this season.

However I am glad to say, that the boys are now at work on them, and will keep at it until they are done.

The first one is up and inclosed and is now being shingled. As soon as it is roofed, they will go at the second, the plan being to have the outside work done while the good weather lasts, and then finish up more leisurely.

Now as to the cottages we are not yet fully decided. There are several Couple at the school wish to get married and are waiting until they can secure a house. We will have to make choice between them and have been waiting until the last moment to do this. I will try & have it done so that I can write you the result by the next mail (two weeks)

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I am sorry that it has not been done earlier for the sake of your report. but the friends may rest assured that we are doing the best we can to carry out their wishes. When the buildings are up, I hope to have them photographed and will send you a dozen copies for distribution. I wrote you a few weeks ago, which letter evidently had not been received when you wrote Augst 2nd.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson

August 30th 8

Rev Mr C. Miller

My dear Brother

Yours of July 27th came by last Steamer. I should have written you last winter concerning the Cottage which your Sabbath School and the Converts enabled us to erect for Rudolph.

When I left Sitka in the early winter the house was not yet fully completed. After I reached the East I was so pressed with other Matters that it entirely passed out of my mind I am very sorry for the seeming neglect. For I assure you that the Missionaries here greatly appreciate the kindness of yourself & people in the interest you have taken in Rudolph I wish I was as sure that Rudolph himself appreciated it, but I do not think that he does.

Now as to the Cottage. When I returned to Sitka last season, it was thought

that a living room 12 x 19 or 20 in size was larger than was necessary under the circumstances And as the plan exhibited to you made no provision for a work shop, by which Rudolph could carry on his trade of Carpenter, and no wood house so necessary in this rainy country, a slight change was made mainly in the interior arrangement.

The plan shewed you was a building 20 x 30 feet in size, making 600 square feet on the ground The plan built upon is 23½ x 24 feet square with a projection 4 x 8 ft making 596 square feet.

As to outside appearance there would have been no difference, only Rudolph did not want the hanging or projecting roofs over the windows, but preferred to finish up his windows with a square cornice & mouldings. Donald who has the cottage adjoining Rudolph finished his windows according to the plan which you have, so that the outside appearance is practically the same.

On the inside arrangement we find that the kitchen is too small, and I have recommended that the partition between the kitchen & pantry be moved back to the stairs and that a pantry be made in one end of the wood house (This is the arrangement in the three cottages which we are building this season & it greatly increases the convenience & comfort of the cottage)

Enclosed I send you an abstract of the expense, by which you see I paid out $523 33/100

In addition to that I gave personally one month's time and at different times the labor of the school boys without cost. The free work of the boys, if

Charged would have increased the expense at least $50. Then there were various little things supplied from time to time from the Mission, for which no Charge was made.

You will notice I received $21 87/100 more than I expended in Cash As Rudolph was very particular to charge me $2 per day for his work on the Cottages for the other boys, I felt justified in turning in that amount towards the expense. If it is not satisfactory please let me know & I will return it to you.

You will remember, that in order to create self reliance, & not pauperize, it was thought best to place the help in the form of a loan, to be repaid in easy installments. I greatly regret to say that I have been disappointed in this by the injudiciousness of some of the teachers, who have led Rudolph to believe that your people intended to present him with that

money and he is so penurious that he eagerly seized upon the idea and rather intimates that I am robbing him, when I talk of payments.

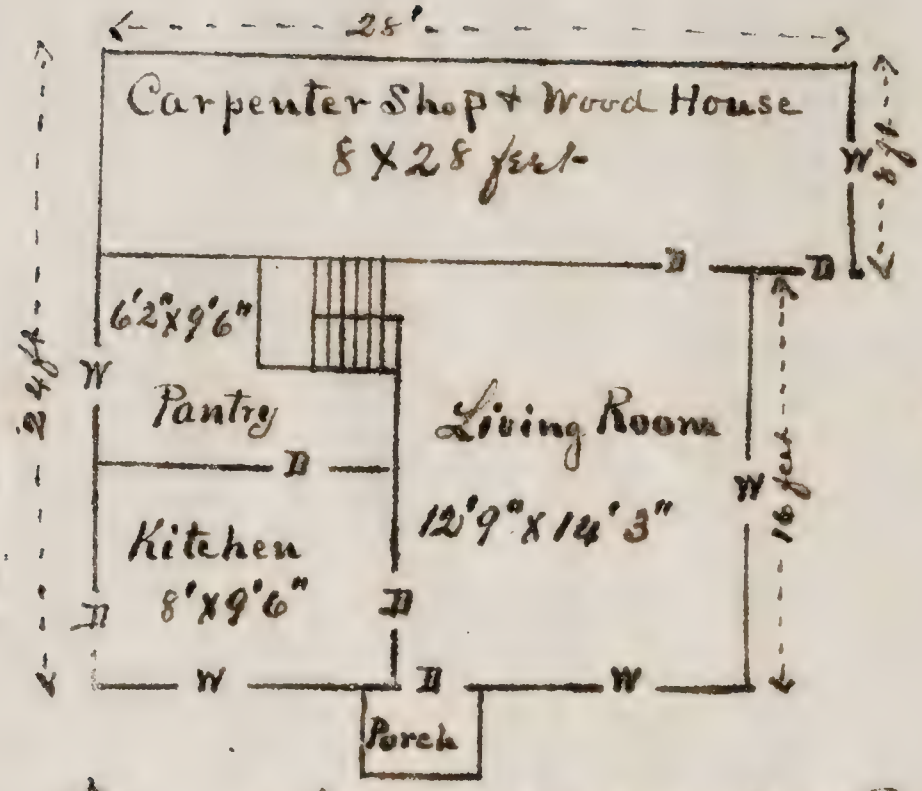
At first he told me again & again that he expected to pay for it, and gave me $50. but since then he has been unwilling to do anything. He receives good wages. and is abundantly able to pay for it, but is so close & saving as to begrudge his family ordinary comforts. I do not know what drawing he sent you, but I venture to say that it did not do the Cottage justice. I have had two Ladies who profess skill in drawing try it, but they have failed. I am now waiting for a photographer in order to get a picture to send you. I feel assured that if you & your people could see it with your own eyes as it stands you would be well pleased. It is a better & more comfortable dwelling than is possessed by any native or Russian, and by nine tenths of the Americans in Sitka. Rudolph ought to be well satisfied, but I judge from your letter that he is not.

Three Cottages were erected last fall, one by your people and two by myself. This season we are building three more, largely at the Expense of the Woman's National Indian Association. The boys are waiting to get married as soon as the Cottages are ready for their occupance.

I trust I have made the matter satisfactory, if not, let me know. Hoping that you may be able to visit us at an early date, I remain

Your Brother in Christ

Sheldon Jackson



Up Stairs are two bed rooms and one Clothes Closet.

Plan of house erected for Rudolph Walton. 1887.
Sitka Alaska.
Contains 608 Square feet on 1st floor and 384 on second floor; making 984 Sq feet.

Expense Account for Erection of a Cottage for Rudolph Walton Sept. 1887.

For removing Stumps and grading Ground Indian labor at $1.25 per day	59.90
Carpenter's work @ $1.50 to $2. per day	71.50
384 feet joists. 700 feet Roof Boards. 800 feet Boards Making 1884 ft @ $11. per M	20 72
524 ft Studding, 500 ft rafters = 1024 ft @ $12.50	12.80
100 ft Flooring 2500 ft Ceiling. 1500 ft Rustic Making 4800 ft @ $14 per M	67.20
1000 ft Casing. 150 ft base Boards. 50 ft Window Stops 54 feet porch posts making 1254 ft @ $19 per M	23 82
7000 Shingles @ $2 per M	14.00
600 feet dressed lumber for door & window frames Stairs &c @ $20 per M.	12.00
6 Doors 2'6"x6'6" @ 1.75. $10.50 1 door 2'8"x6'8". $4.92 1 door 2'x6'6" 1.00	13 42
6 Windows $1.71. $11.97 6 Scroll brackets @ 40 cts $2.40	14 37
Terra Cotta pipe for Chimneys	13 78
100 lbs White lead $13.50 3 Cans boiled paint oil 12.50	26 00
2 Rolls Tarred paper $14. 4 Kegs of Nails $13.50	27 50
Locks, Hinges & Trimmings for 8 doors & fastenings for windows	8 00
Glass for replacing broken glass $2. Putty 40 cts	2.40
Freight on the above from Puget Sound 1000 miles	115.92
Lumber was rafted from the Ship through the Surf to Land. Taking Lumber out of water & piling up	20.00
	523.33
Discount $495.00	545.00
	$21.67

Sitka, Alaska Feb 15th 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Office of Judge Dawson. Present the Governor, Collector, Lawyer, Judge Dawson and C. H. Townsend Sec Pro Tem.

The bill of Wm A. Kelly for $2000.00 for the erection of School House No 1 at Sitka was audited and approved. Also bill for the erection of two Water Closets in connection with Sitka School No 1. $52.00

Sitka Alaska April 6. 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Office of Judge Dawson.

The following bills were audited and approved.

J. C. Gillette school supplies for January $52.26; Nick Hegamin $9.00, Stewart $62.00 and Kellogg $10.00

Henrietta Jones,	Salary	Sept 87	to	March 31. 88.	$840.
Hyda L. McCoy	"	"	"	"	700.
Margaret Powell	"	"	"	"	700.
Virginia Pattle	"	"	"	"	560.
L. M. Currie	"	"	"	"	840
M. E. Rowland	"	"	"	"	840
E. B. Johnston	"	"	"	"	840
Clara A. Cowles	"	"	"	"	708
F. F. White	"	"	"	"	840
Mary Ransom	"	Nov	"	"	400
Virginia Nelson Secretary	"	Oct	to	Jan 1st	350

Permission was asked from Col. N. H.

to erect a building for Sitka School dt 2
at an expense not exceeding $1500.00

Sitka Alaska Dec 9
The Territorial Board of Education met
the office of Judge Dawson. Absent
Sheldon Jackson.
The following bill was received
Office of the Alaskan. Sitka A
October 30th 1887
To the Territorial Board of Education
To Maurice E. Kenney Dr
Printing & circulating throughout the Terri
Report of Minutes of Ad Journ of Education
Proceedings to date $40.00
The following order was issued
To H. E. Nelson
Ex Officio Territorial Treasurer
Please pay to Maurice E. Kenney Publ
of the "Alaskan" [illegible] dollars out of any
money in your hands accruing from Dog
licenses, issued by the Governor, as per bill
herein recited, and in accordance with the
instructions heretofore given you by the Governor
and by order for payment passed at a Meeting
of the Territorial Board of Education held Friday
Oct 28 1887 Signed as original Dawson
Chas H. Hoopes Pres't Bd of Education
Sec Pro Tem.

Sitka Alaska April 1st 18[illegible]

The Territorial Board of Education met at Office of Judge Dawson

The following accounts were presented, audited and approved

J. K. Gill & Co. Publishers for School Supplies Klawack $[illegible], and Sitka No 2 $22.59, Geo B. Johnston Jeweler Sept 29. 87 1 Wood saw $3.50, 1 Axe $1.75; Oct 1st Sawing ½ Cord of wood $1. Janitor bill $4. Result for Sept. Oct & Nov $120. Oct 5. Write on School supplies $2.00, Drayage to School house 50 cts; Oct 19 Weight & 5 boxes nails $2.65; Oct 29 ½ Cord of wood $3. Nov 1. Janitor for Oct $4. 1 Case coal oil $5. Nov 12 1 Cord of wood $6. Drayage of same $2. Sawing same $1.50, Express Charges on two Charts & frames $3. 1 Call bell $1. Nov 25. 2 Cords of wood for School for Dec $40. Janitor for Nov $5. 1 Hand saw 18 x 9 ft $1.45. 300 lbs lead door weights $19.50, 17 Windows $59.50, 6 Tons of Coal $36. Drayage 2 Cords of wood $4. Drayage 3 tons of Coal $6. ½ doz Lepleyer needles .25 1 yd felt yards .75 10 yds floss .00 cts 2/3 oz file floss 00 cts 2 yds White linen 00 cts 1 yd Canvas 70 cts 1 Stamping outfit $1.75 2½ Cords of wood $8.1[illegible] Total $349.25

Sheldon Jackson Salary as School Supt for Oct. Nov & Dec 87. $50.

The proposals for the erection of a School house at Juneau were opened and the Contract Awarded to Mr E. B. Crawford the lowest bidder for $2390 00

Sitka Alaska May 26th 1888

The Board met at 9½ O Clock am at the office of Judge Dawson. All the Members present.

The General Agent was directed to request the Hon. Commissioner of Education to make application to the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury for permission to remove the old log building lately occupied by Sitka School No 2. in order to erect a new School building on the site

The General Agent was directed to ask permission of the Hon Commissioner of Education to build a fence around School lot No 1 at Sitka

The General Agent was directed to ask the Hon Commissioner of Education for permission to erect a School building at Kadiak not to exceed the sum of $2500.

The General Agent was directed to write the Hon Commissioner of Education to allow Indian Policemen the sum of $8 per month additional to the $8. now allowed them by the Indian Office, in return for which paid policemen shall see to the enforcement of the obligatory attendance law.

Miss Mary A Shaw of Lexington Ky was appointed teacher of Sitka School No 1 for 1888 & 89 at a salary of $100 per month

Mr H. A. Baker & Mrs B. A. Baker were appointed teachers at Juneau for school year. Mr John H. Carr resigned, left a salary of $100 per month.

Mr Geo B. Johnston of Juneau presented the following bill, which was audited & approved. Mar 10, 87 28½ days grading at Killisnoo $20.70. 9½ days packing lumber $11.00. 6 poles for bridge 60¢. 1 roll tarred paper $5.00. 1 keg nails $6.00. 1 sheet tin $2. 1000 lbs nails $6.00. 2 lbs finishing nails $0.25. 1 lb nails $0.25. 1 pint oil house for jute $10. Mar 24, 87 for Juneau school 4 doz Lead pencils $4. 2 brooms $1.00. Sawing 2 cords wood $3. 6 months rent of the Mission House teachers at Juneau $600. Stamps & window glass $1.00. Jewitt for April $15. Total $ 27.95.

Mr J. Lewis Green presented a bill of $54 for 18 cords wood [illegible] at Hootkan which was a[illegible] proved.

Sitka Alaska [illegible] 26th 1888.

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Office of Judge Dawson. Absent Gov Swineford. The Board proceeded to the appointment of teachers for 1888 & 89.

Miss Virginia Pattle	Sitka No 2	$80	Dec
Miss Mary Ransom	Killisnoo	$80.	
Miss Rhoda A. Lee	Juneau 1	$100.	
Miss Alice Hill	" 2	$90.	
Miss Lyda A. McCoy	Mt Mansell	$100.	
Miss Clara A. Gorell	Hootkan	$100.	
Mrs S. R. Moore	Douglas City	$80.	

W. E. Roscoe Kodiak @ $1[illegible] per month
J. A. Wirtz Yoguak @ $12 "
H. H. White Haines @ $12 "
L. W. Currie Klawock @ $10 "

The salary of Lewis [illegible] for April and May with expenses [illegible] was audited and approved. Also Salary of Chas H. Carr Unga Sept 8 to Mar 31st 84 $840.

Jno A. Wirtz Yoguak Salary to March 31st $660
W. E. Roscoe Kodiak Salary to March 31st $840

Territorial Board of Education met at the office of Judge Dawson. Governor Swineford absent.

The following bills were presented audited and approved.

L. W. Currie Klawock Salary for April & May 1888 $240. General Agent [illegible] Salary for June $198.90. Travelling [illegible] Juneau & return $15. [illegible] judicial [illegible]

Karl Kocher Juneau 3½ Cords of wood $17.50. 2 Cases of Coal oil Haines $8.

Hall Lane & Elliott. Portland Range boy Stove for Killisnoo School $14.40

J. N. Gray & Co Hawkan 5 Cases coal oil $[illegible].50 1 Coal oil can 75 cts 4 brooms $1.60 1 axe [illegible]. 1 Hatchet 90 cts, 1 Brush 85 1 Dust pan [illegible]

Henry E. Haydon 5 Cords of wood for Sitka School $[illegible]. Repairing water closets $2.

John G. Brady for lumber & material for Juneau School House $1133.74

Sitka Alaska June 30th 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Office of Jno. Rawson. Gov Swineford Absent.

The Contract for the erection of School house No 2, at Sitka was given to Messrs Shields and Speckbacher at $1450. they being the lowest bidders

Mr. John A. Luck was appointed teacher at Unga in place of Mr Baker who declined & accepted

The following bills were audited & approved

Howard Kano. Fred Press. Advertising $2.85

Frank E. Myers. Juneau Mining Record advertising $1.50

E.M. Currie Klawack Jack for interpreting 2 months $11.25 Freight on School Supplies $6.50 Rent school House for 1887-8 $50.

Henrietta Jensen, Juneau Salary, Apr. May & June 88 $240

May Rawson Willis Wrangel Salary Apr. May & June 88 $240

Albany, School House $1.50 3 bottles ink 30 cts. 1 Comb 25 cts

Janitor Fort Wrangel $3. Kindergarten Material $6. 2 Cords of Wood $7. 1 Mirror 35 cts. Total $253.00

F.F. White Haines, Salary Apr. May & June $360

T. Pakle Sitka No 2. Cleaning School House $1.15 Clock $2.15 Dust pan .50 Stove Shovel .25 2 yds Toweling .40 Crut .20. Janitor, Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Feb to June inclusive $16. Express on School Supplies $1.75. Box 2.40 Case Coal oil $3.50 Saw 1.50. 2 Lamp Chimneys .50. Interpreter 1½ mos. $3. Salary Apr. May & [illegible] $240 = $373.

Lyda L McArry. Fort Wrangel Janitor Sept 87 to June 88 $20. 2 Cords of [illegible] $8. Sawing $4 Cutting & [illegible] on coal $3.95. Salary Apr. May & June $360.

General Agent of Education Salary as Member of Territorial Bd April 8th to June 30. 88 = $50.00

Margaret Powell, Sitka No 1. Sept 87 to June 88 Freight on School Supplies $2.65. 1 Box Slate pencils 75 cts. Janitor Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. March Apr and May $18. 1 Broom 50 cts 1 Case Coal oil $3.25 6 doz Lead pencils $1.20 Sawing 5 Cords of wood $5. Drayage 1 Cord of wood 50 cts! Salary for April. May & June $30 - Total $331.85/100

L.B. Johnston Juneau May & June 88 Sharpening & putting handle in axe $1.50. 1/2 ream royal letter paper $2. Janitor May & June $3.00

Elwood W. Wessner Douglas City. Salary for School at Douglas City from Aug 1st 87 to July 31st 88 - 6 months $120. From April 2, to May 31st 88 2 months $40 - Total $160.

John Shekbacher Architect for drawing plans & Specifications for Sitka School No 2 at 1 1/2 pr ct on Contract price ($1480) $22 20/100

James M. Shields for removing old building & preparing the ground for School House No 2 Sitka $22.20/100

E.B. Crawford for Erection of School House at Juneau $125.00/100.

John H. Carr Salary for March [illegible] at Unga Alaska $150.00

James A. Kirtz Afognak Salary for [illegible] & May 1888 $240.

W. E. Roscoe Kodiak. Salary for [illegible] May & June 1888 $360.00/100

As the fund for Industrial Schools has been changed from the Indian to the Education Office the Board recommends to the U.S. Commissioner of Education to renew the Contract with the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions for the Industrial School at Sitka on a basis of 150 pupils.

Sitka Alaska July 25 - 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Office of Judge Dawson at 9½ O'Clock a.m. Present Judge Dawson & Dr Jackson.

Recommendations were made to the U. S. Commissioner of Education for School Supplies for 1888 & 9 as follows.

Killisnoo Alaska. ½ Doz Swinton's English Grammar & Composition. ½ Doz Robinson's Written ½ Doz each of Robinson's 5th & 6th Readers. ½ ⅛ Word books. 3 Boxes Slate pencils 1 Feather Duster. 1 Doz Window Curtains & fixtures. 1 Copy of Practical Teacher & Kindergarten Manual.

Fort Wrangell. 3 Doz 1st Readers. 1 Doz each of 3rd & 5th Readers. 1 Doz Intermediate Geographies. 8 Doz Sponges. 2 Boxes Slate Pencils 1 Doz ink in small bottles. 2 Doz Slates 6×10 4 Doz Writing tablets 4 Doz Lead Pencils. 2 Doz Hygiene for Young people.

Kodiak. 3 Doz each of No's 2, 3 & 4 Copy Books. 1 Doz do 5 Copy Book. 1 Doz boxes Slate Pencils 2 Doz Boxes Crayons. 1 Doz each Kenicott's 1, 2 & 3 Readers. 1 Doz Swinton's Supplementary 4th Readers. ½ Doz Rich Mott's Elementary & Manual Geographies. ½ Doz Webster's Common School Dictionaries 1 Doz ink in small bottles. 8 Doz Lead Pencils 6 Doz Spencerian Pens. 2 Doz pads Writing Paper 1 Doz each Bartholomew's Drawing Cards. 1 Doz Mall Map of United States. North America. South America. Writing Paper.

Unga. 2 Doz each Writing Books Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4. 1 Doz Complete Arithmetics. 1 Doz Heartt Primer No 2. 1 Coal Stove. 2 Boxes Spencerian Pens. 2 Doz Pen Holders. 1 Box ink in small bottles. ½ Doz Sheets Blotting Paper 1 Doz Pads Writing Paper. 4 Doz Lead Pencils.

4 Boxes Slate Pencils 1 large wall Map of United States. of Eastern Hemisphere and of Western Hemisphere.

Afognak. 4 Boxes Slate Pencils 2 Doz Slates. 1 Box Colored Crayons. 1 Box Spencerian Pens 2 Doz Pen Holders 4 Doz Copy Books. ½ Doz Boxes White Crayon 2 Doz each 2nd & 3rd Readers. 1 Doz Primary Geographies. 1 Doz Primary Hist of U States. 1 Doz Spellers. 1 Doz Cheap Day School Singing Books. 1 Doz Sheets Blotting Paper. 2 Doz Cheap Rulers. 2 Doz Lead Pencils ½ ℔ Gum Arabic for Mucilage 1 Paint Brush.

Haines Alaska. 4 Doz No 1 Copy books. 4 Doz Baines 1st Readers. 2 Doz 2nd & 1 Doz 3rd 3 Doz Slates. 1 Box ink in small bottles. 2 Boxes Spencerian Pens. 4 Doz Pen Holders.

Sitka Alaska Aug 23. 1888

The Territorial Board of Education Met at the Office of Judge Dawson at 10 O'Clock A. M.
Present Judge Dawson & Dr Jackson.

Application having been received from Juneau to take the Stumps out of the School lots it was referred to the U. S. Commissioner of Education.

The bill of C. H. Young Juneau for rent for July and August 1888 ($50.) was also referred to the U. S. Commissioner of Education

The application of the Jenne Agent for leave of absence during the months of November and December 1888 was approved and recommended to the U. S. Commissioner of Education.

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Mrs Sara T. Kinney

Woman's National Indian Assoc

Madam

The first of the Model Cottages which your Association enables us to build this Season to assist deserving Natives to a home is up and inclosed. The second one is commenced and will also be inclosed before this letter reaches you.

As the Young Men are doing all the work, the only expense will be for Materials.

This Chapens the Cottages to $350 each. Consequently we will erect three Cottages with the $1000 received from the Association.

The Superintendent of the School, (Prof Wm A. Kelly) has decided that the most suitable Young Men to be helped this Season are. Thomas Moore, John Willard and Paul.

Thos. Moore belongs to the Chilkat tribe of the Thlinget Nation. Very singularly all three of the young men belong to the same tribe.

This tribe are noted traders being the Middle-Men of South Eastern Alaska. They occupy the extreme northern section of the Alexander archipelago. together with the vallies of the Chilkat & Chilkoot rivers. They carry the goods of Commerce over the Mountains into the interior & changing them for furs, which in turn are brought to the Coast & exchanged for more groceries and dry goods. making a good profit at both ends of the route. Their Country is on the highway of the gold-seekers in the Yukon valley. They are a well formed and intelligent race.

Thomas is about 21 years of age. He is manly in appearance, obliging in disposition agreeable in manners and possesses more native refinement & dignity than any other boy in school. He has been at School about three years. Speaks broken English, and is a fair Carpenter.

He expects to marry Mattie, who has been in School about 5 years - Mattie is a good Cook & we expect she will make a good housekeeper. She is an only child.

She is also an earnest Christian, and has been instrumental in bringing both her parents to Christ.

John Willard has been in School about 4 years. and learned the Carpenter trade. He is engaged to Jennie.

At 12 years of age She was sold by her own mother to a ~~Miner~~ White Miner for $100, and taken away to the mines 160 Miles away. She had been attending the Mission day School for a short time & had learned a little concerning right & wrong. She hated her life of slavery & sin and refused to be comforted. Whenever she could see her Mother She begged to be allowed to go to the Mission School. She seemed so unhappy that the Mother's heart was touched & she returned the money to the Miner, who was very glad to get rid of the girl that cried all the time.

Once securely in the Mission home, she has developed into a conscientious and trustworthy girl. with a consistent Christian character. She has been very successful in gospel work among her kindred having brought grand parents, uncles & aunts, seven or eight in number into the kingdom.

Paul has been in school about 4 years and has worked at the blacksmith trade.
This spring his father was being tortured to death as a witch, when he escaped and hid in the woods until the mail steamer came along, when some friends paid his passage to a place of safety.
He is engaged to Kate the best girl and finest worker in the school.
Kate is a devoted Christian and has accomplished much good among her people.

These young people will probably be married as soon as their cottages are ready for occupancy.
As they commence with nothing & will be at considerable expense in

procuring a Cook Stove & necessary furniture I presume they will be unable to pay more than $50 a year until the debt is liquidated. If any of the friends would like to mail them some pretty Chromos or engravings to brighten up their walls, the pictures can be mailed to my care.

I am giving my personal oversight to the erection of the cottages and trust that what is being done will prove a blessing not only to the recipients but also to the donors.

Very Truly Your friend
Sheldon Jackson

I do not know that I mentioned in former letters that the Cottages are 24 feet square and 1½ story high. Containing living room. Kitchen, pantry & wood house on first floor, and two bed rooms & a closet in the half story or attic.

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F. E. Roberts
Sitka Alaska

Transcript

Sept. 3 For painting two coats of
White lead & boiled linseed oil
28 double desks, 2 recitation
seats, 1 teacher's table & 1 book
Case in Sitka School No 1.

At a meeting of the Territorial Board
of Education 1888 the above bill
was audited and approved.

F. E. Roberts.

Education of Children in Alaska

Sheldon Jackson
Sitka Alaska

Miscellaneous

1888 Sept. 3rd	For services as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a Salary of $1200 per annum For August 1888		101.10
" 8	To Willie Mills for setting up stove & putting up hooks for hats & cloaks in Sitka School house No 1.	1 Day	2.00

Sheldon Jackson

June 30th 8

To the Territorial Board of Education
Sitka Alaska

Gentlemen

On the 14th of July 1887 the Hon A. P. Swineford Governor, Hon LaFayette Dawson, Judge of the U. S. District Court and Dr Sheldon Jackson U. S. Educational Agent of Education in Alaska, having been on June 10th 1887 appointed by Hon D. L. C. Lamar, Secretary of the Interior, as a Territorial Board of Education, met and organized at the Office of Judge Dawson at 3 O'Clock P.M.

Judge Dawson was elected Chairman. At a subsequent meeting the Board adopted the following rules & regulations which were drawn up by Judge Dawson at the request of the Board:

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Rules for the Government

OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ALASKA.

Adopted by the Territorial Board of Education, Oct., 1887

I.

The school bell shall be rung promptly at 9 o'clock a. m. and at 1 o'clock p. m., and all pupils must be promptly in their seats thereafter.

II.

The teachers shall have complete control of their respective schools when in session, and may suspend an unruly pupil until the case can be heard and passed upon by the Educational Board.

III.

Corporal punishment should not be inflicted except in extreme cases of misconduct, and then in moderation only.

IV.

Calling of names, the use of slang phrases and vulgar language, must be prohibited by the teachers, and if presisted in by the pupil or pupils who indulge in the use of such terms, names or vulgarity, so as to shock decency, must be reported to the Educational Board.

V.

All absentees and their parents must be reported to the Board, where proper action can be taken in relation to their dereliction of duty under the compulsory rule adopted by this Board.

VI.

The teachers must labor during school hours to advance the pupils in their studies, to create in their minds a desire for knowledge, principle, morality, politeness, cleanliness, and the preservation of physical health.

VII.

Six hours shall constitute a school day, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. and ending at 4 p. m., with one hour's intermission from 12 m. to 1 p. m., and recess hours must be regulated by the teachers and at such time and for such length of time as their judgment may approve, but promptness to return at the ringing of the bell must be inculcated and enforced.

VIII.

And as the teachers of the various schools in Alaska are, as regards their pupils, in *Loco Parentis*, the custody, care and moral training of their pupils are in a measure submitted to their judgment and discretion, but with the understanding that all questions which in magnitude exceed the power herein conferred upon the teacher, must be reported to the Board of Education.

Yukalaska District

The three Schools at Juneau, Carmel and Bethel that were in Commission last year were not this But being about 3000 miles from a post Office, with only a Chance Mail once a year, the teachers

supposed they were still in the employ of the Government and have sent in their annual reports. Which same are included in this.

Anvik. Yukon River. Rev Octavius Parker and Rev John W. Chapman teachers.

As mentioned in a former report, in the summer of 1886 Rev Mr Parker and family reached St Michael and attempted to open a school at that point, but did not succeed. In the summer of 1887 with the full approval of the General Agent of Education removed the school from St Michael on the Coast to Anvik, a native village in Lower Yukon valley. This was in accordance with the original plan to establish a school in the valley of the Yukon.

In the Spring of 1887 Mr Parker was joined by Rev John W. Chapman

At Anvik they purchased & fitted up buildings for School and residence purposes and arranged the work between them as follows:

Mr Parker was to teach three hours each day and get supper, Mr Chapman two hours a day and get the breakfast and dinner.

On Saturdays Mr Parker did the baking and Mr Chapman the washing & ironing. The statistics of daily attendance has not yet reached this office.

<u>Bethel. Nushekwim River.</u> Rev John H. Killbuck teacher. Enrollment of pupils 17.

In the Spring of 1887 the Rev W. H. Weinland, who had been in charge of the School resigned on account of health and returned to the States. His place was taken by Rev J. H. Killbuck, who had accompanied Mr Weinland to Alaska in

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885 and has made some progress in learning the language of the Eskimo among whom he lived.

Owing to sickness in his family School was open only 8 Months out of the ten. The largest attendance any one Month was 17 in March. In February the Monthly enrollment & average attendance were both 16.

The small attendance of the year is partly due to the opposition of the priest of the Greco-Russian Church and more largely to the prejudices and superstitions of the people themselves. As soon as a boy is old enough to go to school he is of value to his parents in hunting & fishing & they are loath to let him go. It is still more difficult to secure the attendance of the girls. A daughter is the mainstay of the family. At the age of ten or twelve years she is sold to

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a man for his wife. The man takes up his abode with the parents-in-law. If he finds his fortunes too severe or tires of his wife, he simply goes off, and in a short time his place is occupied by some one else, who has been persuaded to marry the grass-widow.

Nearly all the Children attending the School to the present time have been orphans, who came of their own accord. There is no doubt but that the attendance will greatly increase in the course of a few years, as it takes time thus an uncivilized people to make them to comprehend in some measure the advantages of an education for their Children.

During the present summer the School house has been enlarged and rendered more commodious and the Rev Ernest Meter of Iowa sent out to assist Mr Hillbrook.

Carmel. Nushagak River Miss Mary Huber teacher. Enrollment of pupils 21. In the summer of 1887 Rev A. E. Wolff, wife & two Children, and Miss Mary Huber arrived at the Nushagak River to open a school and Mission. When the call came for a teacher for the Eskimo on the Nushagak Miss Huber was the accomplished and successful principal of a Young Ladies' Seminary in Pennsylvania. Resigning her important position, and leaving all her congenial surroundings she gladly gave herself to teaching the low down Eskimo.

Being 3000 miles from supplies and trained workmen the erection of the necessary buildings consumed the whole season and it was the first of January 1888 before they were in shape to open school. But that was the time of the holiday festivities of the Russian

Church and the whole native population went off to Nushagak village three miles distant to attend them and remained a week.

The Russian Celebration was followed by the annual dance of the natives at a village 40 miles away & again the whole ~~village~~ settlement was away.

It was Jan 17th before school was able to commence. It opened with 9 pupils which increased to 21. The progress of the school seemed to have awakened the jealousy of the Russian priest, who soon forbade the people allowing their children to attend school telling them that it was bad. Attempts were also made to frighten the children telling them that if they learned english the Government would carry them off to San Francisco & make soldiers of them. The persecution of the children that attended school was so great that whenever the priest or his deacon were seen passing the school house, some of the children would duck

their hands below the window sill & others would try to hide.

To encourage the children in their attendance ~~[illegible]~~ the School furnished them two substantial meals a day. Those that were regular in their attendance made very gratifying progress in their studies.

The difficulty of securing regular & adequate attendance among the uncivilized tribes is so great that the conviction grows from year to year that the true policy of the Government is to encourage among them the establishment of Farm schools into which can be gathered orphans, boys and those that would come from distant villages if they were assured of shelter and food.

The population along all the large rivers in the Indian Territory is distributed among a large number of small villages. It is impracticable to place a school

in each or even in every fifth or tenth one. The only practicable way at present of reaching the children is to have in the valley of each large river a centrally located School with accommodations to board those that come from a distance. Plans are being consummated or turned to board such pupils. At the mouth of the Muskingum at the present season are four Salem Companies employing 200 White men and one Chinaman with from 6 to 8 vessels. These industries gather in a large number of Natives and make Carmel an important Centre for a School.

As the teachers in the above three Schools were unable to hear of the change in their relations to the Government and continued their schools in good faith, it seems proper that the Territorial Board of Education

should recommend to the Hon Commissioner of Education to allow them a suitable amount from the School fund proportioned to the time taught and the number of the pupils.

Unalakleet. Norton Sound. Revd E. Karlson teacher.

In 1887 the Free Mission Society of Sweden were so deeply impressed with the neglect and degradation of the Natives of Alaska that they sent 6 teachers to this territory, Mr Karlson locating at Unalakleet 60 miles north of St Michael on Behring Sea and Rev Adolf Lydell at Yakutat.

Mr Karlson reports that it was with great difficulty that he was able to secure the materials and erect a small School house. In September 1887 he opened his School with Eskimo children. They made good progress during the winter.

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Few boys who had already learned the Russian language made rapid progress through the winter that in the spring he was able to converse in English. Others mastered the Alphabet and were able to read intelligently in simple sentences. Special attention is given to the English language. Mr Barlow has gone to San Francisco for material for a larger and better building.

St Paul and St George

These two schools are maintained at the expense of the Alaska Commercial Co in accordance with their contract with the Government. The reports are supposed to be sent to the Treasury Department. I notice that Mr Geo R. Tingle Special Agent of the Treasury Department in his Annual Report July 31st 1887 makes no mention of the schools. It is presumable however that with the fixed population of those islands

the School attendance varies but little from year to year. In 1884 St Paul reports an enrollment of 84 and in 1881 St George 98 These are the latest figures to which I have access.

Unga. Prof John H. Carr teacher Enrollment 26. Owing to sickness in his family Mr Carr closed the School the 1st of April and returned to the States Prof John A. Luck of Long Island N.Y. was appointed in his place

The citizens of Unga are the banner people of Alaska in their interest in the education of their Children. During October 1887 they erected and paid for a neat and substantial School house 20x24 feet in size This is the first community in Alaska to erect their own school building Their public spirit deserves honorable mention.

Kodiak District

To the Eastward of the Unalaska District comes that of Kodiak with its two schools of Kodiak and Afognak.

Kodiak. Rev W. E. Roscoe teacher Enrollment 81. In addition to the public school for the children, Rev Mr Roscoe held an Evening School for adults who desire to learn English.

Mr Roscoe reports that the pupils have made much greater progress this year than last. This has particularly been the case in Geography, Temperance Hygiene and the use of the English language. To this latter special prominence is given, regular talking Exercises being had each day. The use of the Russian language in the school is prohibited. Kodiak is one of the leading Centres of the Territory and ought to have a good school building.

Afoquak. Rev James A. Wirth teacher
Enrollment 24. Prof Wirth reports that
the two great hinderances he meets in his
work are the want of appreciation on the
part of the parents as to the value of an Ed-
ucation and the impossibility of crowding
more than 24 pupils into the small, incon-
venient and uncomfortable room that he
is compelled to use for the school. Some
of the children are making good progress in
reading, writing, drawing & singing. As
arithmetic they seem very slow, but in any
study not requiring abstract thought, make
rapid progress. This place greatly needs
a comfortable School house situated mid
way between the Creole and native settle-
ments.

For reasons mentioned hereafter I
have been unable to visit any of these schools
for two years past.

Sitka District.

We come now to the Sitka district with its 16 schools including a Swedish Mission at Yakutat, a Sisters of Roman Catholic School at Juneau and a Russian Church School at Sitka.

Haines. Mr H. H. White teacher. Enrollment 140. This school is 100 miles from a post office or civil officials. There being no way provided for enforcing regular attendance the average was low for so many children. Those that did attend manifested much interest. The teacher reports that he never knew children prouder or better satisfied, than when these children who had previously known nothing of English could sing a few verses or read a [illegible] nicely from their first reader; that first as soon as they were able to distinguish one letter from another on chart or book the puzzled look gave way to

smiles of delight, and from thence forward rapid strides were made in 1st, 2nd & 3rd Readers.

The School was somewhat interfered with during the winter by witchcraft persecutions.

In the Spring when the people left their homes to pack supplies for the Yukon miners over the wild & dangerous mountain passes that guard the interior from the Coast, taking their families with them, Dr White & his wife with great self denial followed the people to their temporary home at Tyya inlet and continued School until within a few days of the close of the School year, when, an out-break occurring by which a leading Chief lost his life, the excitement was so great that it was thought best to close the School for the summer vacation

Konah. John W. McFarland teacher Enrollment 136 pupils. This School

60 miles from a post office is the most inaccessable of all the schools of the Alexander Archipelago. Owing to the fact that the whole population leave their homes in the Spring to hunt Sea Otter or work in the Mines, and do not return until fall, the School was open only during the five winter months.
This School received no Government assistance last year. It would be well to place it on the same footing as the Sitka School at Metlakahtla and allow a certain amount per pupil per quarter.

Juneau School No 1. (Whites and Creoles) George B. Johnston teacher, reports a total enrollment of only 26 in the largest American settlement in the Territory. The conduct of the School was the least satisfactory of any under my jurisdiction.

Juneau School No 2 (Natives) Miss Henrietta Jensen teacher. Enrollment 67. The only pupils in this school that were regular in their attendance were those from the Presbyterian Mission Home in Charge of Rev E. S. Willard.

Miss Jensen reports concerning them: Many of the scholars, who, when the term began last September, could not speak a word of English, can now not only speak but read and write it. They can also spell correctly & are beginning in the first principles of Arithmetic. To the casual observer perhaps nothing seems more absurd than to attempt by any process to enlighten the clouded intellect of these benighted people. Indeed the most sanguine Christ might be considered a thousand times more desirable as pupils. But a few days work among & for them

Convinces the teacher that she has not a boisterous, uncontrollable lot of children but as much the opposite as it is possible to imagine. Children who habitually refrain from playing during intermission that they may learn some lesson or how to do some fancy work are not to be classed with the wild wayward or vicious. Boys, who, when their regular lessons are done, are continually designing and drawing cannot be said to be entirely devoid of talent worthy of cultivation. While the development must be slow in most cases, there are a few that could compare favorably with white children of the same age. Their abnormal development of the faculty of form gives them an inestimable advantage over their more favored pale face brothers in acquiring the art of writing & drawing. Their minds act very slowly, but they make up in tenacity of purpose, what they lack in aptness."

During this present season a pleasant and commodious school building has been erected for the use of both schools.

Douglas City. This school was commenced under the auspices of the Society of Friends by Messrs E. W. Wrenn and W. H. Vaughan in the summer of 1887. In Feb 1888 Mr Vaughan returned to the states and his place was supplied by Mr & Mrs S. R. Moore. Mrs Moore was in charge of the school after her arrival. Enrollment 67.

Concerning the pupils Mrs Moore, who had been a teacher for years among the Indians of Kansas & the Indian Territory writes "I have never worked among a more intelligent people of a healthier character than the natives of Alaska. The girls are needing our special care. They are intelligent, have fine features. If we could take these girls at

five years of age & train them properly they would make the best of housekeepers."

Douglas City being in the immediate vicinity of the most extensive gold mining interests in Alaska should have a suitable School building.

Killisnoo. Miss Mary Ransom teacher Enrollment 45. The teacher reports a successful year. The comfort of the School has been greatly increased by the possession of a ~~Comfortable~~ suitable School building, which was the first one in Alaska erected by the Government.

Sitka. School No 1 (Whites & Creoles) Miss Margaret Powell teacher. Enrollment 60. During the year a substantial and pleasant School house has been erected and as a result the teacher reports that the progress of the children has doubled.

Sitka School No 2 (Native) Miss

Virginia Pakle teacher. Enrollment 71. 23
This school like so many others has labored under the great disadvantage of an unsuitable and uncomfortable building. For want of better it occupied an old, rotten, condemned log building formerly used as a native market place. As the Hon Commissioner of Education has authorized the erection of a new building another year will see the school in better shape. With regard to progress the teacher reports it satisfactory.

Fort Wrangell Miss Lydia L McCoy Teacher. Enrollment 100. This is the oldest and most advanced day school in the Territory During the past year through the energy of Hon James Sheakley U.S. Commissioner and with the approval of the Hon Commissioner of Education the old building occupied by the School has been overhauled, repaired, repainted and fitted up in a comfortable manner for the School.

Klawack. Prof L. W. Currie teacher
Enrollment 81. The school has labored under
the disadvantage of an uncomfortable building;
also distance from any protection of law.
Drunkenness & witchcraft have kept the com-
munity in a constant turmoil. During
the winter 4 native men (Kanegahs) forced their way into
the house of the teacher and ~~attempted~~ Charging
a native girl, whom he was sheltering in his
family, with being a witch, attempted to
carry her off by force in order to torture her
Mr Currie at the risk of his life drove them
off & saved the girl. Two months later the
same men reinforced by a large party of the
worst element of the Heydahs made another
attempt to secure the girl. They sang their
war song & brandished their knives but were
foiled in securing the girl. Failing in that

Man so far intimidated her brother as to compel him to pay a ransom in Market, the currency of the people.

Notwithstanding these drawbacks the School made good progress.

Cowlitz. Miss Clara A. Gould teacher. Enrollment 110. This is one of the successful Schools of the country and deserves the new School building which it is to have the present Summer.

Nisqually. Mr Wm Duncan teacher. Enrollment 78. with an average attendance during year 1858 of 59.

For years the most successful native Mission on the Pacific Coast has been at Nisqually. Which Education under the leadership of Mr Wm Duncan. It was an official report standard by the teachers for 1 year and an example that many desired to follow.

of late years evil counsels seem to have controlled the parliament of the British Columbia and grievances have grown up which have become intolerable and we have the strange spectacle for the 19th Century of 300 people brought from barbarism and cannibalism to Christian Civilization giving up their comfortable homes & improvements, sacrificing their property and going out into the wilderness to make new homes & all for conscience sake. They moved across the international boundary line into Alaska and transferred their allegiance from Canada to the United States. They have settled at Port Chester Annette Island and named it Metlakahtla. A.T. During the past year they have felled the heavy forest trees upon their new village site, erected over one thousand frame & log habitations, &c.

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substantial guest house, two large buildings for public purposes, and set a good saw-mill in operation. The Rev. W. R. Dawson Commissioner of Education who was present at the landing & taking possession of the new site & who gave the people warm words of welcome was so interested in them that he was able to assist them in starting a day school. This largest day school in Alaska is taught by Mr Duncan and four native assistants. On this commencement of their new enterprise it would be a great encouragement if the Government would erect a suitable school building.

Yakutat. Mr & Mrs Lydia teachers during the present season. Rev Mr Lyde & Mr Hoffman Society of London has built a log house on the main land east of Yakutat

and opened an English school.

Native Industrial Training School Sitka Alaska. Prof Wm A. Kelly Principal. Enrollment varying pupils

This school hitherto has been one of the contract schools of the Indian Bureau

But as with the approval of the Hon Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs it is hereafter to come under the Management of the Education Office it is proper to refer to it here.

This school was established by the Presbyterian Board of Commissioners in 1880 as a day school with Miss Olinda A Austin as teacher. The following facts & circumstances led to opening of a boarding department. The Mat'lakine tribe of native people who are connected with it live large buildings

one for boys & the other for girls, and industrial building adjoining the Carpenter shop, boot & shoe shop. Printing Office, Sewing, Carving department, Brass band and boat house. a steam laundry - a bakery. a blacksmith shop. a Hospital and 6 Model houses. and 19 teachers.

The pupils represent 10 nationalities or tribes. Being the only institution in Alaska with a large plant, the circumstances of the country are making it a many sided school.

As it practically an Orphan Asylum in the absence of any public provision by the Government for the care of needy orphans, they are freely received into its home.

It is a Nursery. Manee children whose mothers have died & their w no one to care for them are also received.

It is a Refuge for homeless & friendless for their lives
waifs; for children fleeing from the tortures of parents &
they here find a good home and training that will ~~prevent their growing up~~ ~~[illegible]~~ make them good citizens instead of allowing them to grow up vagabonds.

It is a Reformatory to which the U. S. District Court and knowing what else to do with young offenders has committed them. This department will be enlarged when suitable buildings can be secured.

It is a Trade School being the only place in Alaska where a young man can learn a trade.

It is a High School to which bright pupils in the various day schools desiring greater advantages than their local schools can afford them, may be advanced.

It is a Normal School. If in the immediate future Alaska is to have any native

teachers, they are today among the young men & young women in the Sitka Training School — it is the crowning school of the present educational system.

In addition to the above schools the Annual Report of the Governor for 1887 mentions 10 Parochial schools under the care of the Russian Church reporting 200 pupils.

Obligatory Attendance

At the expiration of the year Judge Dawson at the request of the Board drew up the following rules to secure a more regular attendance of pupils at school. They were submitted to the U.S. Commissioner of Education and meeting his approval were adopted by the Board.

Rules for Obligatory Attendance

---AT---

ALASKAN SCHOOLS.

---PASSED BY THE---

TERRITORIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION,

AND APPROVED BY THE

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, AUGUST, 1887.

In pursuance of the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, under an act of Congress approved May 17, 1884, in relation to public schools in Alaska, and under authority of rule "B" in the regulations so prescribed by the Secretary in conferring authority upon the Board of Education by him appointed "to provide general rules for the government of the schools, and the attendance of the children;" this educational board has prescribed and adopted the following as to the attendance of children of school age:

Every parent, guardian or other person having control or charge of any child or children of the age of six years and under the age of fourteen years, residing within two miles of any school established and maintained by the government in Alaska, shall send such child or children to such school at least two-thirds of the time during which such school shall be taught each school year, unless it can be satisfactorily shown that such child or children is or are physically or mentally disabled. And for each and every violation of this provision such parent, guardian or other person having charge or control of a child or children between the ages herein prescribed shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars or by imprisonment for not less than thirty days; or by both such fine and imprisonment. To the end that such regulations may be enforced the deputy United States marshals and Indian policemen, appointed upon the recommendation of the Governor, by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington, are hereby authorized and empowered, and it is hereby made their duty to see that all children of school age herein designated and within the limits and distance herein set forth, attend said schools. And they are hereby authorized to arrest without warrant any parent, guardian or other person having the custody or control of any child or children within the age herein prescribed and within two miles of a government school, who shall fail to send such child or children to such school. Upon the arrest of any person for a violation of these provisions by any of the officers named, he shall be taken forthwith before the nearest United States commissioner or other magistrate, and unless he can excuse himself upon the ground or for the reason that the child or children under his custody or control were physically or mentally disabled he shall be punished as heretofore provided.

Provided further, that when it is made to appear to any commissioner or other magistrate before whom any person may be brought for a violation of these regulations, that the presence and services of any child of school age as herein prescribed was necessary to the care, protection and comfort of such parent or guardian in case of sickness, accident or any physical or mental infirmity, it shall be a good defense to any such prosecution.

The following section is hereby added to the regulations heretofore adopted in relation to the compulsory attendance of children of school age at the Government schools in Alaska:

All fines, that may be imposed upon the parent, guardian or other person having the charge or control of a child or children within the ages heretofore set forth for failing to send such child or children to a government school as directed in the regulations, shall be paid to the General Agent and by him disbursed and expended in such manner and for such purposes as may be directed by the Territorial Board of Education.

Sent to Wrangle where these rules were enforced through the vigilance of Mr James Sheakley U.S. Commissioner and Wm G. Lucas Deputy Marshall the best of results followed. At Juneau partly through a misapprehension of the requirements of the law and partly through a belief

that the law itself was illegal no real effort was made to enforce it. At Sitka the hands of the Board were tied for the want of a policeman under their control to make the necessary arrests. At the commencement of the school year one man was arrested under the act and fined $10 & costs. Other parents were brought before the Judge and reprimanded, but the whole thing soon fell into disuse. At the other schools for the want of proper civil officials to enforce the law nothing was attempted. So far the law is a failure and yet it is just as necessary as ever. Almost every teacher urges its necessity. If it is necessary for the Government to provide schools (of which no intelligent citizen has a doubt) it is equally necessary for the Government to compel the people to avail themselves of the advantages offered

This is particularly true among the half civilized people for whom the majority of the Alaskan schools are established. Neither parents or children have any appreciation of the importance of regular attendance at school, nor is it to be expected that they should have. If the head of the family goes a fishing the Mother & Children accompany him and the Children are out of school a week or two. If at home the Children are often kept to carry wood or water. Then again parents neither compel or by encouraging attendance. It is left entirely to the passing whim of the Child.

To secure the best possible results from the School System, it is absolutely necessary that the Government should use some pressure. Learning wisdom from the failures of the past, the Bureau has assum-

imously recommended to the Hon Commissioner of Education that at each of the places where Schools are established the sum of $8 per month be allowed from the School fund towards paying native policeman to enforce the attendance law.

The U.S. Indian Office has allowed $9 per month for the services of such men in keeping the peace. The union of the two sums making the modest wages of $17 per month will secure the services of good men who will act both in the interests of the School Officers and of the Territorial School Board.

This recommendation is renewed among others at the close of this report.

School Houses

One teacher from her own bitter experience reports "better have no School, than keep it in an unsuitable room" While not endorsing her view, it is still true that

suitable & comfortable homes have much to do with the efficiency of the School. During the year past new School houses have been provided for the Schools at Unga Sitka, Killisnoo and Juneau. And the house at Wrangell refitted & made comfortable.

School houses are urgently needed at Kodiak Afognak, Douglas City and Metlakahtla

Supervision

I have not been able to comply with the rule requiring the General Agent to visit every School in the Territory at least once a year. There is no regular means of communication with the Schools in the Unalaska & Kodiak Districts. During the Summer the U.S. Steamship Thetis made a tour of the villages of those districts and it was understood that she was to enable the Government Officers to discharge their respective duties. But when she arrived at Sitka

No Officer was allowed transportation but the Governor. Even in the Sitka District it was impossible to visit the Schools at Kowkan & Klawack for want of transportation.

It would add to the general efficiency, if at each place where there is a suitable white population a local Committee of three be appointed by the Commissioner upon the ~~Recom~~ Nomination of the Board whose duties should be to provide fuel, look after repairs to the School house, direct the School policeman ~~and~~ visit the School and recommend to the Territorial Board such things as may seem to be important for the welfare of the Schools in their place. In several places suitable persons can be found who will perform such service gratuitously because of their general interest in Education.

Boarding & Industrial Schools

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The annual reports of the teachers more & more emphasize the fact that among the native population the best results can only be had, where the children are separated from their home surroundings.

To do this necessitates a system of boarding schools. As there is already one at Sitka that supplies South Eastern Alaska I would advise one at Kodiak for the Kodiak District and one at Unalaska for the Unalaska District.

Agricultural School.

The U.S. Commissioner of Agriculture in his last Annual Report having suggested that a station be established in connection with the Sitka Industrial School for "Conducting a series of careful experiments to ascertain the agricultural products best adapted to the climate and soil of

Alaska, and what breeds of cattle & other domestic animals are most suited to its climate & soil" I would recommend that the Board offer to cooperate with the Hon Commissioner in carrying out some such arrangement.

As early as 1885 I made application to the Commissioner of Agriculture for an experimental farm in connection with the Sitka School. And in my annual report on that School for 1885 wrote "There is a wide diversity of views concerning the agricultural and horticultural capabilities of this region, and necessarily great ignorance. The early Russian settlers were here for furs and the more recent Americans for mining and trading. No systematic effort intelligently prosecuted has been made to ascertain what can or can not be raised to advantage. The industrial training

School of this distant and but little known section of the United States furnishes a basis for a department that shall make careful experiments extending over a term of years to ascertain the vegitables, grains, grasses, berries and small fruits. Apples and the larger fruits, trees, flowers &c best adapted to the country; the best methods of cultivating, gathering and curing the same; tree planting and grafting of fruit trees; the development of the wild cranberry; Cattle, hog and poultry raising; and butter & cheese making If the Government will determine what can be done in this direction, both settlers and visitors will utilize the information gained ~~If the Government will determine what can be done~~ Such a course will add both to the wealth of the country and the comfort of the people."

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Permanent School Fund

The present method of supporting the Schools of Alaska by an annual appropriation from Congress is very unsatisfactory. As Congress one year voted $25000, and the second nothing and the 3rd $15000, it can readily be seen that neither the School Board or the teachers can arrange for the schools until after Congressional action has been taken, nor until such action, can they be sure that there will be any schools. And not only that but some years the action of Congress is not known in Alaska until three months after the fiscal school year commences. A failure on the part of Congress any one year to make the necessary appropriation, would close the schools scatter Government property and throw the teachers out of employment thousands of miles away from home & friends.

The disadvantages of the present system need but to be stated, to be seen.

To remedy this I would renew my recommendation of last year that Congress be asked to set apart ¼ of the gross revenues of Alaska annually as a permanent fund for the Education of the Children of Alaska without distinction of race.

In the Western States and Territories the General Land laws of the Country provide that sections 16 and 36 in each township are set apart for the use of the Schools in said States and Territories. In some of the States this has been a munificent endowment.

But Alaska has no townships and no surveyed lands, and no law by which they can be surveyed. And when in course of time the general land laws are extended over it, the nature of the Country

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and the peculiar climate and the requirements of the population will prevent, the laying out of the land in sections to any great extent of a mile square. Thus while no school fund is practicable for years from the lands, the General Government derives a regular revenue from the Seal Islands and other sources, a portion of which could be used in the place of the proceeds of the sale of school lands.

Teachers & Officers

Name of Teacher.	State.	School	Salary per month
John H. Carr	Ohio	Unga	$120.
M. E. Roscoe	California	Kodiak	$120
Jas. A. Wirtte	Washington Ter.	Afognak	$120
A. H. White	Pennsylvania	Haines	$120
Geo B. Johnston	"	Juneau 1	$120
Miss H. Jansen	Utah	Juneau 2	$80
Miss May Ranson	California	Killisnoo	$80
Miss M. Powell	Pennsylvania	Sitka 1	$100
Miss V. Pakle	West Virginia	Sitka 2	$80

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Miss Lyda L. McCoy.	West Virginia.	Wrangle.	$100
Miss Clara A. Gould.	West Va.	Hootkan	$100
L. W. Currie.	North Carolina.	Klawack	$120
Mrs Duncan.	England.	Metta Kahtla.	
Mrs S. R. Moore.	Kansas	Douglas City.	$20
Gov A. P. Swineford.	Michigan	Board of Education	$20
Judge LaFayette Dawson	Missouri		$20
Dr Sheldon Jackson	Alaska		$20
Dr Sheldon Jackson	U. S. General Agent		$120

Attendance — 1887 & 88.

	July Total	July Average	August Total	August Average	Sept Total	Sept Average	Oct Total	Oct Average	Nov Total	Nov Average	Dec Total	Dec Average	Jan Total	Jan Average	Feb Total	Feb Average	Mar Total	Mar Average	Apr Total	Apr Average	May Total	May Average	June Total	June Average	Total Annual
Bethel					9	6	11	10	11	12	13	12	10	12	16	16	17	15	16	15					17
Carmel													21	12	18	11	15	11	12		10	7			21
Unga	26	30	19	18	25	14	25	21	25	20	25	14	23	13	21	17	26	13							25
Kodiak					14	16	30	21	57	21	45	17	45	27	53	22	56	31	43	22	40	18	31	28	81
Afognak							17	11	19	11	16	8	20	10	12	7	14	8	14	7	11	5			24
Hoonah					28	11	42	15	62	25	60	21	76	14	77	14	64	11	48	5	63	7	46	14	144
Hoonah											108	60	112	37	102	48	52	18	22	12					126
Juneau No 1					16	11	18	16	20	10	17	12	19	13	17	14	18	14	19	15	21	17		19	25
Juneau No 2					38	8	38	9	36	15	24	12	26	10	22	20	28	20	33	27	30	23	20	20	67
Douglas City					23	13	28	13	27	15	19	13	27	12					60	47	40	12			67
Killisnoo									40	36	35	26	36	19	23	20	12	10	8	6	10	5	10	7	44
Sitka No 1					52	49	57	37	54	57	48	45	55	51	54	50	50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	44	32	49	46	60
Sitka No 2					37	16	23	17	28	26	27	27	25	23	28	23	21	17	26	18	27	14	18	10	71
Sitka Industrial	100	100	100	100	100	100	110	111	112	112	115	115	104	120	120	124	126	126	121	120	160	160	160	160	186
Wrangell					55	40	62	47	64	42	59	59	75	60	64	49	44	36	38	31	29	23	25	15	100
Klawock	66	29	46	20	56	32	43	16					22	15	21	14	30	16	25	15	32	14	29	14	81
Howkan							44	22	75	42	101	34	51	33	22	41	32	28	23	24	18	23	25	26	110
Metlakahtla													170	139	111	103	81	78	126	105	108	68	59	64	170
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Number of claims.

Bettie	6	11		11	14		17		17				17		3	4	5
Carmel	21			21			21						21				8
Unga		18	7	25	14		21		14				26				22
Kodiak	30	15	11	56	56	11	56		56		11		56	30	26	56	4
Afognak	9	8		8		17	8		10				13			17	3
Baine	64	35		15	77	3	77		77	3			20			77	12
Cornah	72	39		39			39						39				10
Juneau 1	3	8	10	15	13	13	14		16		12	12	11		3		15
Juneau 2	34	3	1	3			10		38				1				10
Douglas	31	24	5	24			12				1						18
Gillison	33	6	4	5	2	5	40	3	6			4	5				9
Sitka 1	2	36	17	55	17	27	55		55		55	5	55				23
Sitka 2	25	8	2	10	11	8	17				37		27		8		9
Wrangell	25	18	31	72	19	22	37		72		27		72		25		16
Klawack	23	23		23		3	23		23				23	32	14		4
Cowkan	26	46	29	36	12	12	40	12	101	12	12	3	101				23
Metlakahtla	71	74	25	170	170	170	170	170			170	170	170				

To recapitulate Alaska has 15 Schools, (with 1261 pupils) supported in whole or in part by the Government. 15 parochial Schools of the Russian Church with 300 pupils; 1 Presbyterian Mission School with 136 pupils; 2 Moravian Schools with 38 pupils; 1 Roman Catholic School; 1 Episcopal School; and the two Schools of the Alaska Commercial Co with 82 pupils; Making a total of 38 Schools and over 1800 pupils.

In conclusion much praise is due the noble band of teachers in the Government Schools, the majority of whom are ~~exiled~~ isolated from cultivated Society, without comfortable School rooms, unassisted either by a friendly public sentiment or the strong arm of the law. in daily contact with

dirty and often diseased Children, in more or less personal danger from the fanaticism and superstition of the people; many of them away from regular Mail Communications and some of them with only an annual Mail. Their Courage, their perseverance, their tact, their Zeal in service.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Ass't Gen'l Agt of Education
in Alaska.

Commissioner

For services as teacher of
Sept 29 School No 1. Sitka at a
salary of $100 per month.
For September 1888 $100.00
At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
Oct 2nd 1888 the above bill is audited & approved.

President

Sheldon Jackson

Secretary

Sitka Alaska Sept 7th 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. District Court present Judge John H. Kelly and Dr Sheldon Jackson.

The bill of E. B. Crawford of Juneau for grading on the School lots at Juneau for $34.00 was audited and approved.

The bill of John G. Brady Sept 5, 1888 for lumber and materials for the Erection of School house No 2 Sitka amounting to $[illegible] was audited and approved.

The bill of John G. Brady for School Supplies for Schools No. 1 & 2 Sitka for $36 20/100 was audited and approved.

Judge L.L. Williams U.S. Commissioner Juneau was authorized to secure bids and Erect two Water Closets on School grounds.

Sitka Alaska Sept 18th 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Executive Office at 2.30 o'Clock P.M.

Present Hon Governor H. C. Hoyt, Judge John H. Kelly & Dr Sheldon Jackson

Judge Kelly was elected President of the Board in place of Judge La Fayette Dawson resigned

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The bill of A. L. Hobson $25.00 for painting desks &c in Sitka School d. 1888 was audited & approved.

Education of Children in Alaska

Wm. T. Kelly Sitka Alaska

Sept 8th Drawing 12 tons of Coal for the public Schools of the General in Sitka at $1.50 per ton $18.00

Repairing Stove at School house No 1. ½ day labor

$3.50

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education the above bill was audited & approved

Commissioner

2nd It was recommended that School houses be erected at Douglas City & Metlakahtla

3rd It was recommended that the Commissioner of Agriculture be informed that the Board of Education approved of his recommendation to establish an Experimental farm in connection with the Sitka Industrial School and that they would cooperate with him in bringing it about

4th It was recommended that the Commissioner of Education allow from the School Fund $8 per month towards the payment of Native

The bill of Mr. A. Kelly Sitka for hauling 12 cords of wood to public schools $18 and repairing stove in School No 6. $1.50 was audited & approved.

The bill of Sheldon Jackson Salary for August $100.00 and cash paid Willie & Thomas for fixing School House No 1 & 2. was audited and approved.

The General Agent presented his Annual Report which was read to the Board.

The report was adopted with the following exceptions and ordered sent to the United Commissioner of Education.

The report recommended the erection of School houses at Kodiak & Afognak, and the establishment of Industrial Boarding Schools at Kodiak & Unalaska. These recommendations at the request of the General Agent himself were deferred until after the return of the Governor from those places with the latest information concerning the situation.

The following recommendations of the report were taken up seriatim, discussed and adopted.

1st The Commissioner of Education was recommended to pay to the Episcopal Missionary Society for the School at Sitka, and the Moravian Missionary Society for the Schools at Bethel and Carmel in proportion to the time kept and the number of pupils.

2nd It was recommended that School houses be erected at Douglas City & Metlakahtla.

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policemen, whose duty shall be to assist in the enforcement of Obligatory Attendance

5th It was recommended that legislation be asked from Congress to secure a permanent School fund for Alaska

6th It was recommended that local School Committees be appointed wherever practicable

7th It was recommended that the grounds of Sitka School No 1 be graded and that eave troughs be placed on the building

Adjourned

Sept 15th 1

Hon James Shanklin
Prangell. Martin

Dear Friend

Last year when the Territorial Board of Education was organized and commenced the appointment of teachers, we acted upon the rule, that we would not appoint men in places where women would do as well, if not better. A single exception was made to this rule in the case of Jameson.

Dr H. H. White a good teacher was rejected and Mr Geo. B. Johnston appointed because Dr White had incurred the ill will of the Governor & Judge, and of Committee not asked me. During the past year Judge Bowen has seen his mistake and also found out that Mr Johnston is not a conscientious teacher

Consequently when the time came for appointing the teachers, the Judge had come over to only 3 & 4 and were ready to drop Mr Johnston. If the Governor had been here, I do not know how he would have voted, if he had stood by Mr Johnston, it would have made the vote the same as that which dropped Mr White the year before, 2 to 1.

Judge Lawson concluded to carry out the vote of last year & appoint teachers.

Consequently we dropped Mr Johnston and appointed Miss Rhoda Ost dr of the Lillian Industrial School, a lady who stands as a teacher at the head of Miss McCloy without a superior in the Territory. Miss Ost is helping support a widowed Mother and also carrying on 3 of her younger Sisters through.

their Education in the land. Thereupon it is a very serious matter to him, which he requires five or six years from the Mission or three years from the Government. If the Case will leave the Government School he will be compelled to take his entire task of School. Mr Johnston on the other hand is an able & diligent man with an enlightened opinion. Upon leaving School he secured the position of Inspector of Schools with a salary equal to that which he received as teacher. After this that he took the time which should have been given to his School in studying law & has been admitted to the bar, so that he has a profession to fall back upon. When he has secured the Government School his friends [illegible] disposition to a proper & the Commissioner

of Education at Washington combining that
he be reappointed (Here have been Suffrages
of the Secretary to know that any one can de-
cline signatures to a petition, no matter
how honest or absurd the petition may
be) I do not know who took on this fog
but have no doubt that he went to the
Indiana men & those of Mr Manning's
State and made them believe that I was
persecuting him and that I wanted to
make all the Schools Presbyterian &c.
The result is that Col Dawson has
suspended the action of Judge Dawson
Marquis and restated him tender as
Inspector until his case can be considered
by a Board. And I suppose it
is to be such just such cases as this that
the Commissioner has enlarged the Board.

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Miss McAvoy knows this law, and I think that you met her when you were in Cuba. I hope you will see your way clear to stand by me in this matter.

With kind regards to Mrs Shook, Miss McAvoy, Mr Thomas & other friends I remain yours truly

Sheldon Jackson
General Agent

Sept. 15th 1888

Mr Wm Duncan

Metlakahtla Alaska

Dear Friend

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At that place Dr A. A. White a good teacher was dropped and Mr Geo D. Johnston appointed because Dr White in signing a petition for the retention of a former Collector of Customs had incurred the ill will of the Governor and Judge.

During the past year Judge Dawson has seen his mistake and also found

out that Mr Johnston is not a conscientious teacher that he did not love his work and was merely after the pay. Consequently when the time came for appointing teachers this season, the Judge had come over to my side & was ready to drop Mr Johnston. If the Governor had been here I do not know how he would have voted But granting that he would have voted for Mr Johnston it would have made the vote, the same by which the year before Dr White was dropped and Mr Johnston appointed: viz 2 to 1.

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one or two younger sisters through a course of normal training as teachers

Therefore it is a very serious matter to her whether she receives $200 a year from the Mission Board or $1000 from the Government

If she can not have the Government School she will be compelled to take her sisters out of School.

Mr Johnston on the other hand is an able bodied young man with no one dependent upon him When he was not employed teacher, he secured a position as Inspector afloat upon the Steamships with a salary as good as that of teacher.

Here then that last year he took the time which should have been given to his School in securing law and never till the close of School has been admitted to the Bar. So that he has a profession to fall back

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upon. If he had any manliness or snap in him, he would take to his profession and not crowd out a deserving young lady. When he found that he was not appointed he went among his friends and secured signatures to a paper to Col Dawson asking that he be retained as teacher.

You have had some experience of the facility with which men will sign a petition no matter how unjust or absurd it may be. The whiskey men and rough element of Juneau have as ~~had~~ much ~~has~~ the same class of men hold sway along the B. C. Coast. Mr Johnson told them that I was persecuting them & of course they were ready to endorse him.

The result is that Com missioner Dawson has suspended the action of Judge Dawson & myself in appointing Miss Lee, and

returned Mr Johnston to the Juneau School until his case shall be decided at a full meeting of the Board. And I suppose that it is to meet just such cases as this, that you & Judge Dwakley have been added to the Board.

I hope when you come you will see your way clear to stand by the action of Judge Dawson & myself in this case.

A bill has been introduced into the U.S. Congress by my friend Mr Cutcheon of Michigan letting apart Annette Island for the use of your Colony. If I could spend next winter in Washington, I feel sure that I could carry it through Congress for you.

When the first Board meets perhaps I will ask to be recommended for leave of absence. Yours Truly

Sheldon Jackson

George Ewart

September 15th 8

Hon N. H. R. Dawson
U. S. Commissioner of Education

Sir

The Territorial Board of Education in Alaska has the honor of transmitting to you the Annual Report for 1887-88 of the General Agent of Education in Alaska with its approval of the recommendations contained except as follows — to wit — the recommendations for School houses at Kodiak and Afognak and for Industrial Boarding Schools at Kodiak and Unalaska. As it is expected the Governor who is now visiting Western Alaska will have more definite information on those items, they were withheld for future action at the request of the General Agent himself

The following recommendations of the

Report were taken up seriatim, discussed and adopted unanimously.

1st The Commissioner of Education is recommended to allow the Episcopal Board of Missions for the School at Anvik, and the Moravian Board of Missions for the Schools at Bethel & Carmel Compensation for 1887 & 88 proportioned to the time taught & the number of pupils.

2nd That School houses be erected at Douglas City and Metta Kahthta.

3rd That the Board offer to Cooperate with the Commissioner of Agriculture in an effort to establish an experimental farm in Connection with the Sitka Industrial School.

4th That the Commissioner of Education allow from the School fund $8 per month towards the wages of Native policemen to enforce the regular attendance of Children

at School.

5th That legislation be asked from Congress to secure a permanent School fund for Alaska

6th That local School Committees be appointed wherever practicable

7th That the Yard of the Sitka School No 1. be graded and seeded down to grass and that gutters be placed around the eaves of the school house.

Present at the Meeting Acting Governor H. E. Hayden. Judge Keatley & Dr Jackson

By order of the Board.

President

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

(Copy)

Juneau Alaska June 10. 1889

To the Honorable Board of Education
Sitka Alaska

Gentlemen

This being the first year that there has been a separate school at Juneau for the white children, in order that you may the more intelligently judge of its success it behooves me to say a few words in reference to the disadvantages under which it was organized and maintained.

For some inexplicable reason the Citizens have had formed a dislike to the general management of the government school, and it was only after repeated explanations of its management character and general needs that some of the children were taken from the private school, maintained by

the desire of St Ann's Capital and sent to the government school. The school opened with not six scholars, but as soon as it became generally known that every possible effort would be made for their improvement and comfort and pleasure and instead of having what sense and condition they had broken or shaken out in the vain endeavour to have done in and realized on the other hand that the fun the school received - plan of work & pleasure then there was an ingathering from the other school of all but those who had religious preference for the private school. While I might have much preferred to have all the white children of the town in the government school had our power been sufficiently large to accomodate them, in view of the fact that there were children of parents whose pecuniary affliction were there, I thought it unwise to try to induce them to attend the government school or force by showing a better

whose time they were attending

As far as the compulsory laws created by the Lancaster school board might have applied to such cases, to me as well as many others, it is yet a question. In the different states where the legislatures have created compulsory laws for attendance at school, they have so far as the knowledge of the writer goes, invariably left the parents or guardians to choose what school the child should attend - public or private. The only imperative requirement being that he should attend some school a specified time each school year. The idea that congress has a right by any enactment to grant to the president or any other individual, or set of individuals power to supervise the legislative prerogative to the tools devised by the Wordsmith referred to seems to abound to Crime the utterance of lacrimable [illegible].

It is generally conceded however that it was an attempt by an educational agent, who is noted throughout the territory for his equitable impartiality and want of partiality, that it was an attempt by him to accomplish in his frontier tendencies may exclusive control of the Children of the territory and at the same time, over what he fairly claimed to be for the best interests of education. There are parents, however, who think emphatically object to sending their children to what is professedly a free school but in reality sectarian of the most narrow type.

On taking charge of the school it was found there were very few books in hand suitable for the capacity of the scholars likely to be in attendance & that for some time very few more had been ordered. As soon as possible I made out & forwarded to the Bureau of Education

a list of the supplies needed for the year and after beginning school sent a supplementary list of all about about one half were furnished during the year, some when they were needed & some afterwards. The fact that the educational agent was called upon in unprecedented business and detained several months in south accounts somewhat for the delay, as it was simply impossible for him to know anything of the supplies needed during the first eight days we were obliged to dismiss school on account of the untenable condition of the houses.

The principal is obliged to furnish fuel, impossible for the just, light, wash and other incidental expenses of the school to be all over fifty dollars for month during the winter months. In addition to that of two instructors by the educational board. It includes a long, dark, windowless building for the two schools, meeting in the same room.

educational agent returned from his western excursion some fifteen hundred dollars due me, some of which was received until above the 1st of May.

So much for, with the aid of the attache bestow was indignant at such actions and disgusted with the lack of interest displayed by this hypocritical individual as a mild statement of the case.

Owing to the fact that the schools are not supplied with the necessary apparatus for the successful instruction of primary scholars the work with them was in a measure very unsatisfactory to the teachers, though much warmly commended by the patrons. So successfully teach any school without plenty of blackboard room is beyond the ability of the writer. Children from five to ten years of age require something more than books, slates, pencils to occupy their time in school.

So far as the unanimous verdict of the patrons may establish the fact, the closing term has

been an unusually ~~very~~ successful one.
Without one dissenting voice they approve of the Methods of instruction, government and general Management of the school. The fact that his efforts have been appreciated by them do not entitle us to be able to form correct opinions of the knowledge that the pupils have made great improvement while under his care are pleasant recollections to the teachers of his years work. ~~The fact proves~~
The experience of the past proves that as long as the educational interests of Alaska are under the management of the present educational agency so long must the teachers of the white schools especially, labor under great disadvantages
While the trustees ~~must~~ heartily approve of any honorable means of extending the influence of the Church with which he has chosen to unite, he must emphatically protest against the introduction of Sectarianism into schools

maintained at the public expense & intended to be free for all without distinction of race, color or belief. The most casual observer cannot help noticing that the money appropriated by Congress for education in Alaska has been expended so far as possible to further the interests of the Presbyterian Church. While this may meet with the approval of some narrow minded "Blue stocking" it certainly is a retrograde movement in the cause of education & enlightenment.

The United States knows no church nor creed when appropriating money for school purposes, hence intends that it shall be used expended for the advancement of education. That the Army does through its educational bureau appoint a man capable of laying aside all sectarianism and of working with his might to establish a successful school system here, is the

earnest wish of all interested in the cause
of Education

Very truly Yours
E. B. Johnston.

Sitka Alaska October 4th 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at the U. S. District Court Room at 10 o'clock A. M.

The bill of Mr G. B. Johnston teacher at Juneau School No 1 for Salary during the Months of April, May & June 1888 amounting to $360 was audited and approved.

The Salary of Miss Mary Dresha for the Month of September 1888 amounting to $100 as teacher of School No 1 Sitka was Audited & Approved.

The Secretary was instructed to write Messrs Sheakley and Duncan and invite them to attend a meeting of the Board on the arrival of the Steamer Idaho on or about October 18th.

The requisition of Miss Mary Dresha for Supplies for the Sitka School No 1 was approved and directed to be forwarded to the U. S. Comr of Education.

Sitka Alaska Oct 18. 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at the U.S. District Court room at 7½ O'Clock P.M. Present Judge John H. Keatley, Gov A. P. Swineford Dr Sheldon Jackson, Judge James Sheakley and Mr William Duncan.

Judge Keatley was elected president. Judge Keatley laid before the Board a Communication from the Hon U.S. Commissioner of Education under date of Sept 18th with regard to the affairs of Mr G. B. Johnston.

The General Agent was directed to furnish the Commissioner with the ~~necessary~~ information asked.

Gov Swineford laid before the Board a communication from Mr S. Ripinsky under date of Oct 17th 1888 concerning his accounts while teacher at Unalaska. The letter was referred to the General Agent for investigation

Gov Swineford moved that the salary of Miss Rhoda A. Lee, teacher of School No 1 Juneau, be reduced from $1000 to $800. The motion was laid upon the table for future action

Judge Keatley laid before the Board a communication from the U.S. Comr of Education ~~Concer~~ dated Sept 28th/88 asking for further information concerning a

number of bills that had been forwarded to him by the Board - The General Agent was directed to communicate the information sought.

The requisition of Mrs S. R. Moon for School Supplies for the School at Douglas City and of Miss Clay Ransom for books for the School at Killisnoo were ~~was~~ approved and directed to be forwarded to the U.S. Com^r of Education

The General Agent laid before the following bills which were audited & approved

Lydia L. McAvoy Sept 24 to Oct 10, 88 Mangelle 5 tons of Coal $80. Wharfage on 5 tons of Coal $10. Carrying the same to the School house $6. Total $96.00

E. B. Crawford Juneau Sept 1-8 in 88. Moving School property into the New building $7.00 Repairing Stove $2. 30 feet lumber .75 cts 3 lb of Nails 25 cts Carpenter 2½ days $12.50. 2 Black boards $10. Ventilators for 10 windows $2.50. 2 Water Closets $60. 2 Sets of book Shelves $7. 2 lights of glass $1.50 Fastening down desks $1.50 Setting up Stove $1. 1 length Stove pipe 75 cts Total $106.51.

G. B. Johnston Juneau No 1. Dec 87 to Feb 11/88 Janitor for Dec & Jan $10. Rent on School Houses for Jan. Feb & March 88 $120 5 Cords of wood $25. 1 Cord of wood $6. Native Sawing wood one day $2. Total $163.00/100

Wm Duncan Metlakahtla Oct 18, 88 Claim as Member of Board for July, Aug & Sept 88 $50. & Travelling Expenses to Sitka & Ret - $60. Total $110.

May Ramsey, Killisnoo May 4 to June 20 in 88 Janitor Office, May & June 88 - $4.50 & Writing Paper $2.25 Total

Gov Swineford Sitka Oct 1/88 Salary as Member of Board of Education for Last Months from Apr 1st 88 to Oct 88 $100.

Gov Swineford Moved that the Secretary inform the teachers that hereafter no fractions would be allowed. Carried.

The requisitions of Miss R. Lee and Miss A. Kile for School Supplies for Juneau were approved with the exception of desks for School No 1. and directed to be forwarded to the U. S. Comr of Ed.

The General Agent was directed to advertise for bids for 12 double desks for School No 1 at Juneau.

The Board having been informed that some of the Citizens of Juneau had presented a bell for the New School house, the General Agent was directed to have it placed in the bell tower.

Upon Motion of Gov Swineford it was Ordered that a plank walk be Constructed from the School house at Juneau to the Shore.

A petition was received from Certain Citizens of Douglass Island asking that a ~~Second Government School be Established~~ Second Government School be Established on that Island for the Exclusive use of the White Children. The petition was laid on the table for future action.

The Genera Agent having asked for leave of absence Judge Sheakley moved that the Board recommend him to the U.S. Com^r of Ed for two months leave of absence. Carried

Judge Sheakley moved that a Com^tee be appointed to consider what action, if any, ~~the powers of the Board~~ should be taken with reference to Industrial Schools and report to a subsequent meeting ~~such recommendations as may seem necessary~~

After some discussion it was agreed that the Board as a whole would act as such Com^tee.

Gov Swineford moved that all religious instruction in the public schools of Alaska be prohibited

Pending the discussion the Board adjourned without action.

Sitka Alaska Oct 25th/88

The Territorial Board of Education met in the U. S. District Court Room at 7 O'Clock P.M.

The minutes of the Meetings on Oct 4 & 18th were read Corrected & approved.

Judge Keatley called the attention of the Board to the fact that the Russians were complaining that ~~of the~~ at the opening of School No 1 ~~with reading~~ the Scriptures were read & prayer offered. And that others were complaining with regard to the use of Corporal punishment.

Gov Swineford moved that all religious exercises of every kind and character whatever be prohibited in Sitka School No 1.

Judge Sheakley moved an amendment that the arrangement of the opening exercises of the School be left with the President of the Board. The amendment was lost.

The vote was then taken upon the original motion, which was lost.

Gov Swineford moved that when the Board adjourns, it be to meet on Saturday Evening at 7 O'Clock. Carried

Gov Swineford moved that from and after this date Corporal punishment in the public Schools of Alaska be entirely & wholly prohibited. Several of the Citizens of Sitka present they were invited to make

Accordingly Messrs H. E. Hayden & J. M. Vanderbilt addressed the Board with reference to Corporal punishment in the Sitka School.

Upon Motion of Judge Shakley the further consideration of the ~~Motion~~ resolution was deferred until the next meeting.

Gov Swineford moved that the Salaries of the teachers at Juneau be reduced to $800 each. ~~Lost~~ The Motion was lost.

Upon Motion of Gov Swineford the Board audited the Salary of Mr L. B. Johnston at Juneau School No 1 for 12 days in September at the rate of $120 per month.

Upon Motion of Gov Swineford the Board adjourned.

Oct 29th 18

Mr S. Kipinsky

Pyramid Harbor

Dear Sir

Yours of Oct 19th 88 to Gov Swineford was laid before the Board of Education and given to me to answer.

The rules of the Board do not allow any of the teachers their travelling expenses. Consequently when you started for Kodiak you borrowed of me $40 to pay your passage. Then again when you went to Unalaska you borrowed $60 for your passage and $10 for your personal use making in all $110. In order to repay me you gave me an order on the Disbursing Clerk of the Department of the Interior at Washington to pay me $110 out of the first salary due you.

This $110 was paid me on your order Feb 3. 1888 and

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was your salary for October and three days in November 1885.

Then March 3. 1886 Check no 35301 for $390 was sent you. This was salary for the ballance of November 85. for all of Dec 85 & all of Jan & Feb 86.

Then May 1st 86 Check 37.057 for $200 was sent you This was salary for March & April 1886

Then July 28th 86 Check 39492 for $400 was sent you This was salary for March. April. May & June 86

Consequently you received pay twice for the Months of March & April 86 Amounting to $200 and it is this Amount which the Government demands returned and for which unless it is paid, they will have you

arrested.

Now to prevent trouble I have this proposition to make you.

In your letter to Mr Levine dated of Oct 17th 98 you say ~~Now if I~~ "Dr Jackson paid my passage to Kodiak $40, which point we never reached but put back to Killisnoo.

He then paid my fare to Unalaska $60. Now if I was entitled to my passage the Department still owes me $10. But if I was not entitled to my passage I owe the Doctor $90 & no more"

As the Department did not then & does not now allow travelling expenses you recognize that you owe $100 on the passage to Kodiak & Unalaska. And when you consider the matter still

further you will probably recall to mind that you borrowed $10 of me just before you started for Unalaska. and it was incorporated in the order, which you gave me on the Department for $110 out of your salary.

The Case then stands thus.

On your written order the Department paid me out of your Salary $110.

They paid you direct Check 38201. 390.

" " 37087 200

" " 39492 400

Total paid out on your salary. $1100.

Now the Government Claims that from Oct to June 30th - you only taught 9 months — Making Salary $900. And that in receiving double pay for March & April 1886 - you have received

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for more than you are entitled to.

The Government claims that your Commission as teacher expired in common with all others on June 30th. which is the close of the financial year of the Government. And that I or no one else had any legal authority for extending it beyond June 30th without reappointing you. Consequently the Territorial Board, having no evidence that you were reappointed teacher for the year 1886 & 7 refused to approve the bill of $100 salary for July 1886 which I presented to them last Thursday Evening at a full meeting of the Board - Consequently you are out of your salary for that month unless you have a Contract with me so worded that you can recover your

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pay for that month by seeing me. But you have no such contract. I now for the proposition. You recognize in your letter to Gov Swine just that you owe me ~~for~~ $100 for passage money. If you send me that $100 I will pay it over to the Government, so that they will then only claim $100.

This $100 I am willing to ~~pay~~ share with you. That is I will pay the Govt $50, and you pay $50.

Now you can send me $150, which I will at once turn over to the Government. Or if you prefer you can send $150 to Mr George W. Evans, Disbursing Clerk of the Department of the Interior. Washington D.C. And when he notifies me that it

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is received I will forward him the remaining $50 which the Government claims.

If this is not done, then the Government will call upon the U. S. District Attorney to proceed against you.

Your receipts ~~for the~~ signed by yourself for the $1100 are on file in Washington, Also your order to the Department to pay $110 to me for Monies advanced you —

If the Government is compelled to proceed against you, they will enforce collection for the whole $200.

If you send them (Geo W. Evans) promptly $150 (which if you have had any experience with lawyers will cost you at least $200.) you save $50 besides lawyers bill and no end of trouble — Please let me know promptly what you propose to do

Very Truly Yours Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

Education of Children in Alaska

Sheldon Jackson

Commissioner

Oct 31.	Salary as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a Salary of $1200 per year	
	For September 1888	97.80
	" October "	101.10
Aug 20	5 Gals of Kerosene Oil @ 35¢	1.75
Oct 4	Travelling Expenses Sitka to Lindgass Narrows	$12.50
11	Tongass Narrows to Metlakahtla	5.00
	Port Chester to Sitka	12.50
	Pyramid Harbor to Haines return	3.00
Sept 30	Salary as Member of School Board from July 1st to Sept 30	$50.00
		$283.65

At a Meeting of the Territorial Board of Education Oct 30th 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

Sheldon Jackson President

Sheldon Jackson Secretary.

Sheldon Jackson

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Echo Music Co

Lafayette Ind

Sirs

Please mail to Wm A. Kelley Principal of Presbyterian Mission School Sitka Alaska 1½ Dozen Copies of "The American Anthem Book."

Mail bill for same to me & I will remit you a check in New York City

Either of the Presbyterian Ministers of your city will endorse my reliability

These books are for the Children in an Indian Mission School at this place

I hope you will make as much of a discount as possible.

I enclose you a Check for $10 - & will send you the ballance when I receive your bill -

Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

The Board of Education calls for proposals for the manufacture, painting (two coats) and placing in the School House at Juneau

12 double desks

of the same pattern as those now in the house.

All bids should state when the seats will be ready for use.

All bids to be mailed to the undersigned at Sitka not later than November 15th 1888.

The Board reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids

By order of the Board,

Nelson Jackson

Secretary.

Nov 15th 8

Miss V. Pable

Teacher of Sitka School No 2

Madam

The Territorial Board of Education has taken the following action

1st That from and after Oct 27th 1888 Corporal punishment in the public Schools of Alaska be entirely and wholly prohibited. You are requested to read this to your School.

2nd That all religious services be prohibited in all the public Schools of Alaska except Howkan. Klawack Metlakahtla. Fort Wrangell. Juneau No 2 and Haines

3rd That after October 1888 no Janitor will be allowed the teachers at Government Expense.

4th That the School year shall

Consist of <u>nine</u> months: extending from the 1st Monday in September to the last of the following May.

Very Truly Yours
Sheldon Jackson
Secretary.

The Territorial Board of Education met at the Library U.S. District Court at 7 O'Clock P.M. President Judge Keatley, Gov Swineford, Judge Brakley & Dr Jackson

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The resolution "that from and after this date Corporal punishment in the public Schools of Alaska be entirely and wholly prohibited" was taken up as unfinished business. ~~Mr~~

Miss M Deska, teacher of Sitka School No 1 being present was ~~invited to give~~ heard with reference to Corporal punishment in School No 1.

~~The resolution was adopted~~.

Gov Swineford presented a petition from Certain Residents of Sitka asking that Corporal punishment, ~~and~~ the reading of the Scriptures and the Offering of prayer in the public schools of Alaska be prohibited.

Upon Motion of Gov Swineford the petition was received filed

A vote being taken upon the Corporal punishment resolution it was adopted

Gov Swineford ~~moved~~ that the be instructed to notify the legislature in a letter to be sent to Carrie Schools.

Gov Swineford ~~moved~~ Moved that All Religious services be prohibited in all the public Schools of Alaska except Hootkan, Klawock, Kake, Kuiltta, Wrangell, Juneau No 2 & Hain

Dr Levinsford moved that the session of the public Schools of Alaska shall consist of nine months to be held from ~~March~~ March until November inclusive (See paper No 2). Action was deferred until the next meeting.

Dr Levinsford moved that the pay of the teachers at Juneau be fixed at $80 per month (See paper No 3) Action was deferred until the next meeting.

Dr Levinsford moved that the Gen'l Agent in all his official Correspondence ~~in the~~ in the Capacity of the Secretary of the Board shall so sign himself (See paper No 4) Carried

Judge Sheakley moved a series of Resolutions with regard to the Industrial School at Sitka (See paper No 5) Carried.

Dr Jackson moved that in answer to the petition of the ~~Citizens~~ Residents of Douglass City ~~the Board direct~~ for a second School at that place for the use of the White Children exclusively the Board direct the teacher at that place to divide her School giving half the day to the Whites & the other half to the Natives. ~~Adopted~~ Carried.

Judge Sheakley moved that the Board adjourn to meet on Tuesday Oct 30th at 2 O'Clock P.M. Carried.

Sitka Alaska Oct 30th 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at ~~the Office~~ in the U.S. District Court Room at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Present Messrs Keatley, Sheakley and Jackson.

Mr Jackson presented the bill of Miss Mary Dosha for Salary for the Month of Oct as teacher of School No: $100.

Audited & Approved.

Mr Jackson presented his Salary Account ~~Gen~~ Genl Agt for Sept & Oct $148.90 as Member of the Bd for July, Aug & Sept $50 And travelling Expenses to Metlakahtla & Ret. $33. & Clerg Cost 1.75 Total $283.65.

Adjourned

At Meeting of May 26. Secretary was directed to ask the Comr of Ed to allow the Native policemen

Sitka Alaska Oct 31

The Territorial Board of Education met in the U.S. District Court room at 2. O'Clock P.M. Present Messrs Keatley, Swineford, Sheakley and Jackson

The ~~proce~~ Minutes of the preceding Meeting were read & approved.

Judge Keatley presented a Communication from

referring to Claim of Mr A.C. Barry for Salary as ~~Dis~~ District Superintendent of the Unalaska District.

Judge Keatley also presented a Communication from the U.S. Commissioner of Education, dated, Suggesting a change in the length of the School year.

Gov Swineford Moved that the School year shall Consist of nine months Commencing on the first Monday in September and Closing the last of May following. Carried

Gov Swineford moved that the ~~Com~~ U.S. Commissioner of Education be informed that Mr A.C. Barry performed no Service in Connection with the Schools in Western Alaska & is entitled to no pay.

Carried

Gov Swineford moved that the Salaries of teachers at Juneau be reduced to $800. each. Lost.

Gov Swineford that the Secretary be directed to write the U.S. Commissioner of Education ~~and request a~~ be respectfully requested to send the Board a Certified Copy of the Annual Report of the General Agent of Education in Alaska ~~that the Suggestions and recommendations will be considered at a full meeting of the Board.~~ Carried

Gov Swineford moved that in accordance with the recommendation of the U.S. Commissioner of Education the Regular Meetings of the Board shall be held on the 2nd Monday of January and 1st Monday of June annually. Carried

Dr Jackson reported the death of Rev L. W. Currie, teacher at Klawack & moved that his widow be appointed teacher of that School at a Salary of $80 per month Carried

Gov Swineford moved that Judge Brackley be authorized to build a roof over the Outside Stairway leading to the school room at Wrangell. Carried

Upon ~~Motion~~ Motion the Board adjourned

Sitka Alaska Nov 14th 1888

The Territorial Board of Education met at the residence of the Governor at 10 O'Clock A.M.

Present Messrs Keatley. Swineford & Jackson

The Board in Company with Contractors Shields and Speckbacher visited and Examined School building no 2. after which they returned to the residence of the Governor.

Upon Motion of Dr Jackson the building was accepted from the Contractors.

Upon Motion of Dr Jackson the following bills connected with the erection of said School building were audited & approved

Augustus Nelson for Materials and painting $175.00. Mr J.G. Brady lumber &c $38.61/100 and Messrs Shields & Speckbacher Contractors the ballance of their Contract $642.27/100

Adjourned.

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Shields and Speckbacher
Sitka Alaska

Commissioner

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For furnishing Materials
and erecting Sitka School
House No 2 in accordance
with accompanying plans,
Specifications & Contract
herewith enclosed $642.27
The Contract was for $1480.
Of which Mr J. Brady's
bill of Sept 5th calls for $624.12
Mr J. Brady's bill of Oct 8th $38.61
And Augustus Nelson's bill of
Nov 14th $175. Total $837.73
leaving ballance due Contractors
of $642.27/100

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
Nov 14th 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

Jno. A. Kea Esq.
President

Sheldon Jackson Secretary.

Shields & Speckbacher

Education of children in Alaska

Augustus Nelson
Sitka Alaska.

Nov 14 For cementing Public
School Building No 2
Sitka Alaska for
Messrs James M. Shields
and John Speckbacker
Contractors $175 00

Commissioner.

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
Nov 14th 1888 the above bill was audited & approved

J. W. H. Kinkead
President

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Augustus Nelson

Methodist Quadrant

Nov 16th 8

Mrs L. H. Daggett

Yours of Oct 29th is just received. I have replied I believe to every letter received from you through the past Summer.

From the tone of your letter I judge you have written two or three letters that I have never received. I was wondering at your long silence

This Steamer brings us the news of Harrison's Election. This means better officials for Alaska and better days for Alaska Missions. As there will be almost an entire change of the School Board in the Spring, it will not be safe for either Mr Baker or Mr Tuck to go forward without a reappointment and I shall so write Mr Tuck.

I am very sorry that one of them did

not get on the ground last fall — for possession in this case would have been ten "points of the law"

I am glad your Alaska interest is growing. If the Methodist Church had taken hold of it in faith, when I first urged it on the attention of Dr Reid, they would have had a successful mission by this time.

Mr J. Hamilton of Pittsburgh writes me by this mail that he has presented you with an Estey organ for Unalaska I had a delightful visit with him & his wife this summer

I have been at Sitka all summer A letter addressed either to Sitka Alaska or Carlisle Penna will always reach me. . Please mail to me at Sitka the electrotype plate of the Group of

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Alaskan Children.

Any assistance I can render you or your work will be gladly given
Kind regards to Mr Daggett
Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt

Nov 16th 8

Mr John A. Black

Dear Brother -

Your letter received Much obliged for sending those books in Alaska to Mrs McCabe I received a letter from her also about them.

She will give them a favorable review in their Woman's Missionary Magazine

Please mail me at Sitka 1/2 doz of the Bibles you give for Committing the Shorter Catechism, also a paper concerning the requirements in order to get them.

I have about a hundred of the Native Children in the Industrial School at work on the Catechism & I think about half a dozen out of the hundred will make it. If they can see the bibles it will be a great incentive. And if the Bibles are not all worn, I will

pay you for those that are not.

When are you coming out to visit us? We will give you a royal welcome. The School has now a brass band of 18 instruments and they would toot their best in your honor.

Your Bro in Christ
Sheldon Jackson

Nov 16th 8

Mr Wm Wadhams

Dear Brother

If there are any letters for me at your store, please forward them to Sitka. I had hoped to have started last before this & wrote my wife to address me to your care.

Also send Mr Kelly by return Steamer with Mission freight

2 Doz thumb latches for common doors in a house. The ordinary door knob & lock has been so universally used up here, that the stores have none of the old fashioned thumb latch.

Mail the bill for the same to me at Sitka

Very truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Please mail the enclosed letter for me as I am suspicious of our post Office here

Nov 17th

Messrs Biglow & Main

Please mail Wm A. Kelly Industrial School Sitka 1 Dozen of Gospel Hymns Consolidated (1, 2, 3 & 4) Gospel Music Small type Board covers @ 50cts = $6.; and 2 Dozen of Sanctuary Music Small type flexible cloth (Do not send any red color) @ 11 cts = $2.64 — total $8.64, which find enclosed. Mail receipted bill to me at Sitka.

Very Truly Yours

Sheldon Jackson

Annual Abstract Report of Education in Alaska for 1887-8

Sent Comr. Dawson in response to a Blank Circular

1 Total pop. estimated in 1887 39000 to 40000

2 Legal School age for free Attendance No limit; Compulsory Attendance from 6 to 14 years.

3 - Estimated that there are 12000 under 21 years age

4 - No of pupils enrolled in Day Schools 1079; two Govt Contract Schools 356; Seal Islands 82. Total 1517

5 Average Daily attendance 33.

7 Average duration in days of Actual Session 28 74-

8 No of buildings used as School houses 21

9 No of School houses erected during the year 4

12 Estimated enrollment in private & parochial Schools (300)

13 Total No of Teacher's places in the School System 26

14 " " Different Teachers Employed 12 Males; 12 females

15 Average Monthly Salary Males $120; females $90

16. 20 Days of teaching Constitute School Month.

18 Received from Govt Appropriation $25000.

19 Expended for buildings $6000; Salary of Supt & Bd of Education $1800; Salries of teachers $12.440. Other Expenses Approximate $2533. Total $22773.56/100

Notes. Among the public day Schools I have Counted the two Govt Contract Schools. Sitka & Nulla Kahlla; the two Schools Maintained on the Seal Islands by the Alaska Commercial Co; And the day Schools at Carmel, Bethel. Anvik & Hamah A Number of Vouchers for School Supplies sent from Washington have never been received at this Office so that the total of No 19 is only Approximate.

Sheldon Jackson
Genl Agt of Education in Alaska.

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
W. E. Roscoe

Commissioner

8

Kadiak, Cary Alaska
Commercial Co. 310 Lansome
St. San Francisco. Cal.
Oct 12th For services as teacher
of Mun. School at Kadiak
at a salary of $120 per month
for September 1888 $120.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
the above bill was audited & approved

President

Secretary.

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
L. W. Currie

Commissioner

July 8 31st For Services as teacher of
N.A. School Klawack Alaska
at a Salary of $120 per month
For July 1888 $120.00

At a Meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
the above Bill was audited & approved
Since the Service was rendered Mr Currie has
died, and the Board recommend that the
payment be made to Mrs L. W. Currie
Klawack Alaska

President

Secretary

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Clara A. Guild

Commissioner

8

Oct 1st For Services as teacher of N.S. School at Kowkan Alaska at a Salary of $100 per Month for September 1888 100.00

To Alfred Skeli Janitor Sept/88 2.00

At a Meeting of the Territorial Board of Education the above bill was Audited & Approved

President

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
Clara A. Cowles
Kowkan Alaska

Communicated

June 30 For services as teacher of U.S.
Public School Kowkan Alaska
at $100 per month
For April, May & June 1888
Three months @ $100 $300.00
To Alfred Sheli janitor for Feb^y
May 1st 50 & June 28 $1.00 5.00
To Carl Nakattia janitor
for March^2 & April 1st 1888 4.00
309 00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education
the above bill was audited & approved

President

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Education of Children in Alaska
Bureau of Education
James A. Wirtle

Afognak, Kadiak District

Care of Alaska Commercial Co
310 Lansome St San Francisco Cal

Commissioner

June 30 For services as teacher of U.S. Public School at Afognak Alaska at $120 per month
For the month of June/88 $120.00

At a meeting of the Territorial Board of Education the above bill was audited & approved

President

Sheldon Jackson
Secretary

Education of Children in Alaska

Sheldon Jackson

will be delivered

Dec 8 1st For Services as General Agent of Education in Alaska at a Salary of $1200 per annum For November 1888 $97.80

1 Can Coal oil (Sub voucher 50) 1.75

$99.55

At a Meeting of the Territorial Board of Education the above account was audited & approved

President

Secretary

Sheldon Jackson

Education of Children in Alaska

Alonzo E Austin

8

Nov 2nd For rent of School room for use of Public School No 2 at Sitka during the months of September & October at $10 per month $20.00

Sitka Alaska
August 13th
Mr. Calanoug
Nurses